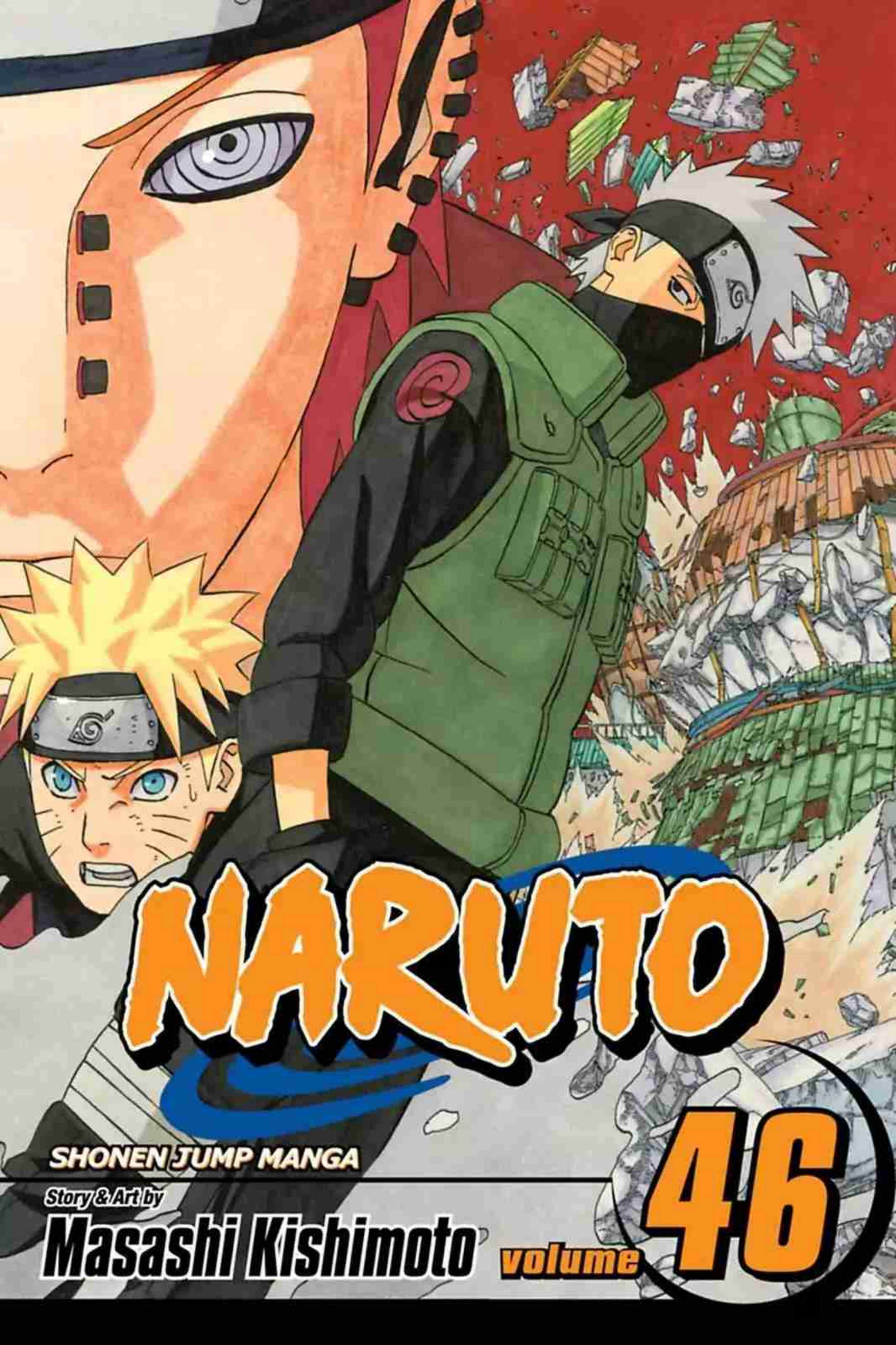




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Story & Art by
Masashi Kishimoto volume



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I'm trying to come up with the author's note for this volume right now, but I have a fever, so nothing's coming to mind... It's been a while since I've been sick. Argh... I can't think of anything...

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2009

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CHARACTERS





Jugoro 重吾



Karin 香燐



Suigetsu 水月



Konan 小南



Pain ペイン



Madara マダラ



Shizune シズネ



Fukasaku フカサク



Itachi イタチ

THE STORY SO FAR...

Naruto, the biggest troublemaker at the Ninja Academy in the Village of Konohagakure, finally becomes a ninja along with his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. They grow and mature through countless trials and battles. However, Sasuke, unable to give up his quest for vengeance, leaves Konohagakure to seek Orochimaru and his power...

Two years pass. Naruto and his comrades grow up and head out once more. As their fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki rage on, Sasuke rebels against Orochimaru and takes everything from him. Sasuke then gathers new companions and chases after his brother Itachi. The heroic battle concludes with Sasuke fulfilling his long-cherished goal. But after learning of his older brother's true intentions, Sasuke allies with the Akatsuki and sets out to destroy Konoha! Naruto trains in senjutsu with Fukasaku at Mount Myoboku. Meanwhile, Pain finally begins his assault against Konoha in search of Naruto!



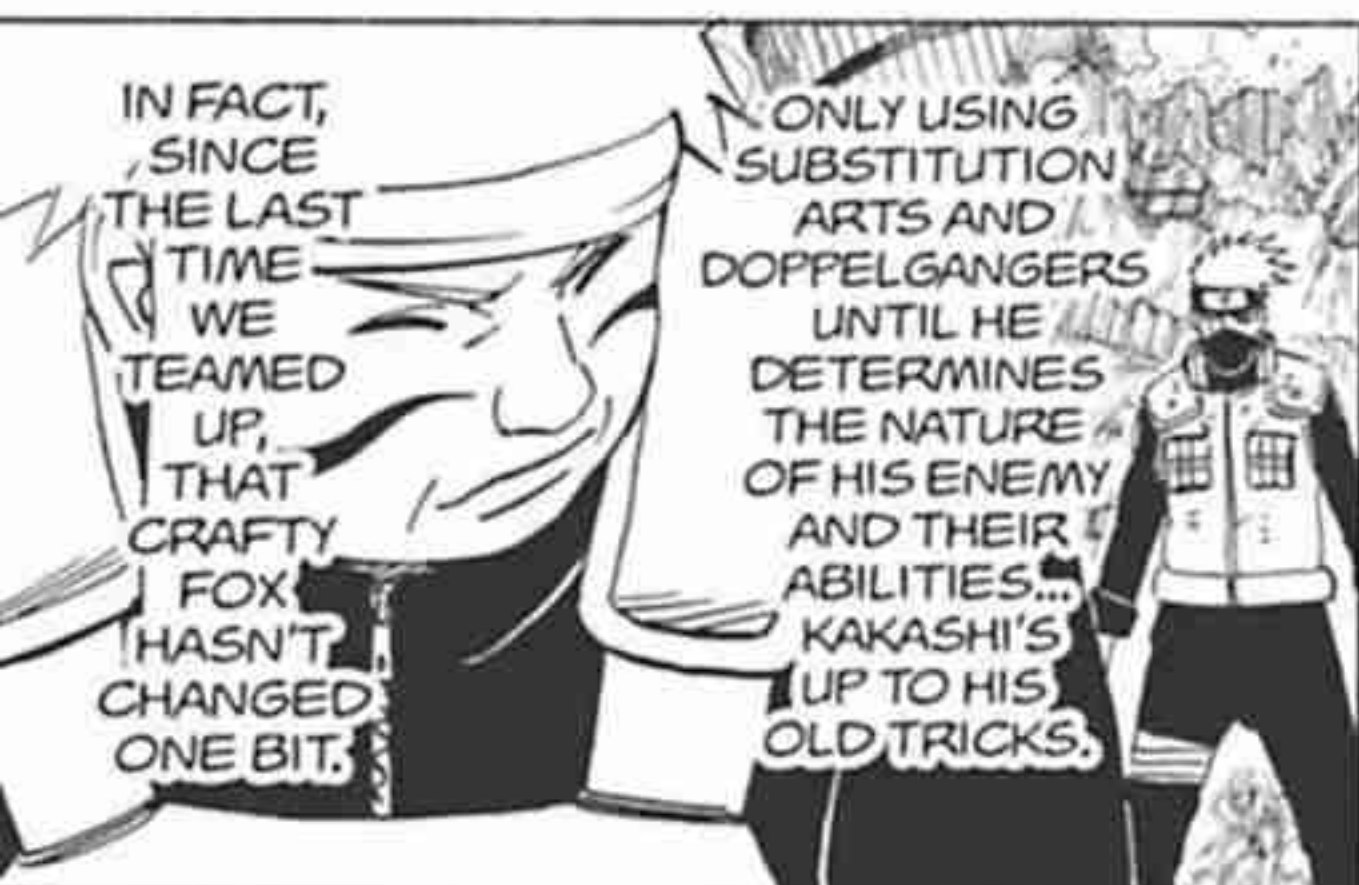
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ONLY USING SUBSTITUTION ARTS AND DOPPELGANGERS UNTIL HE DETERMINES THE NATURE OF HIS ENEMY AND THEIR ABILITIES... KAKASHI'S UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS.



AND HONESTLY, A PROLONGED BATTLE AGAINST SUCH AN ADEPT OPPONENT IS GOING TO BE TIGHT.

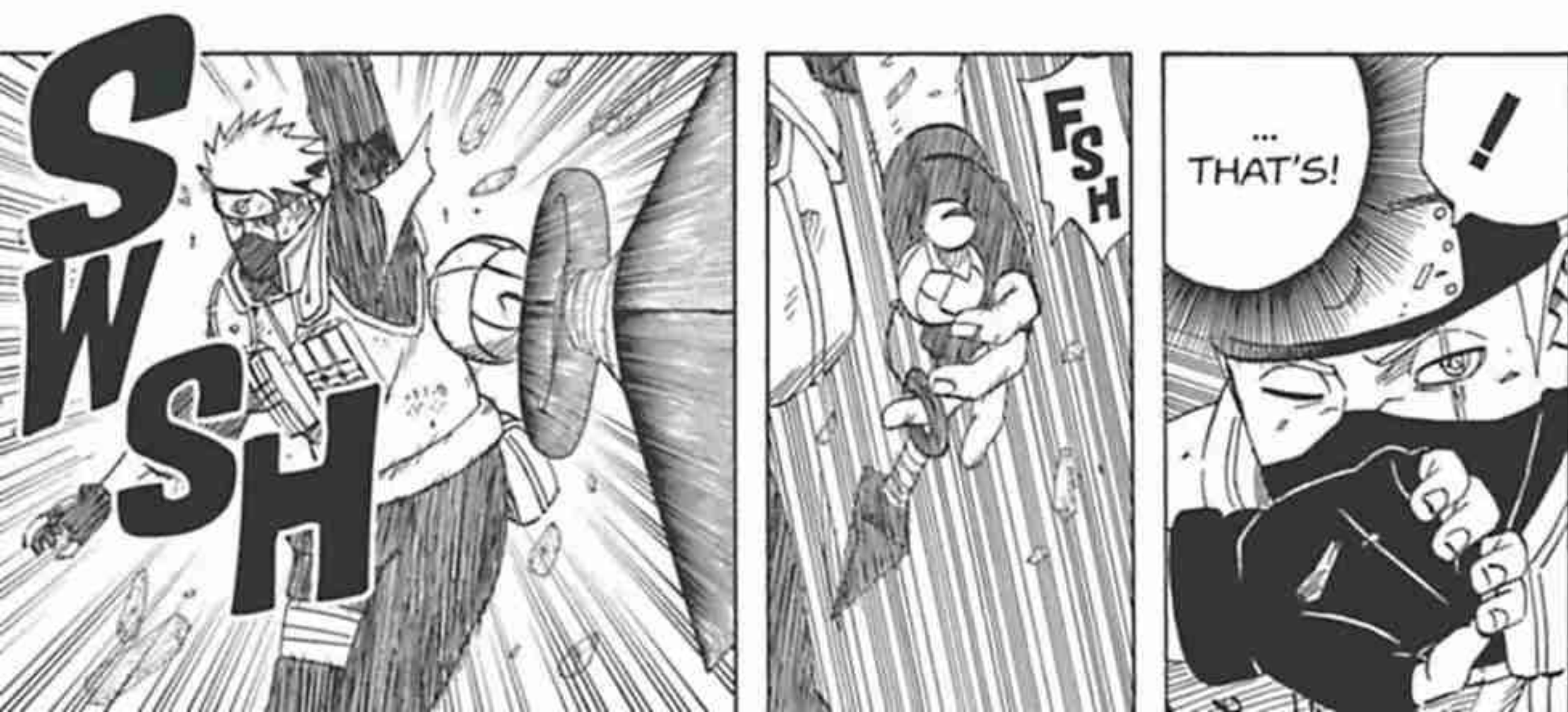
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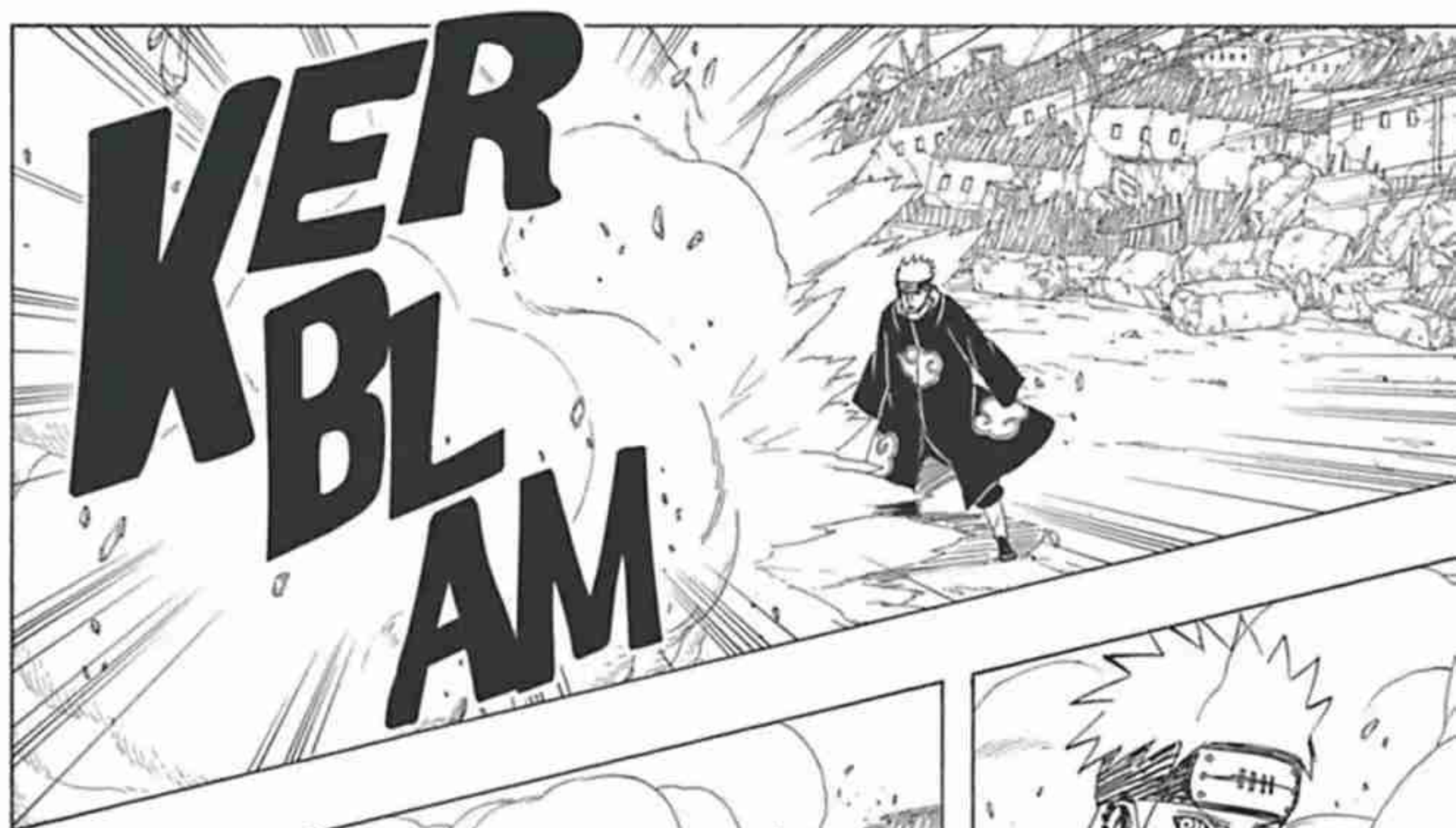


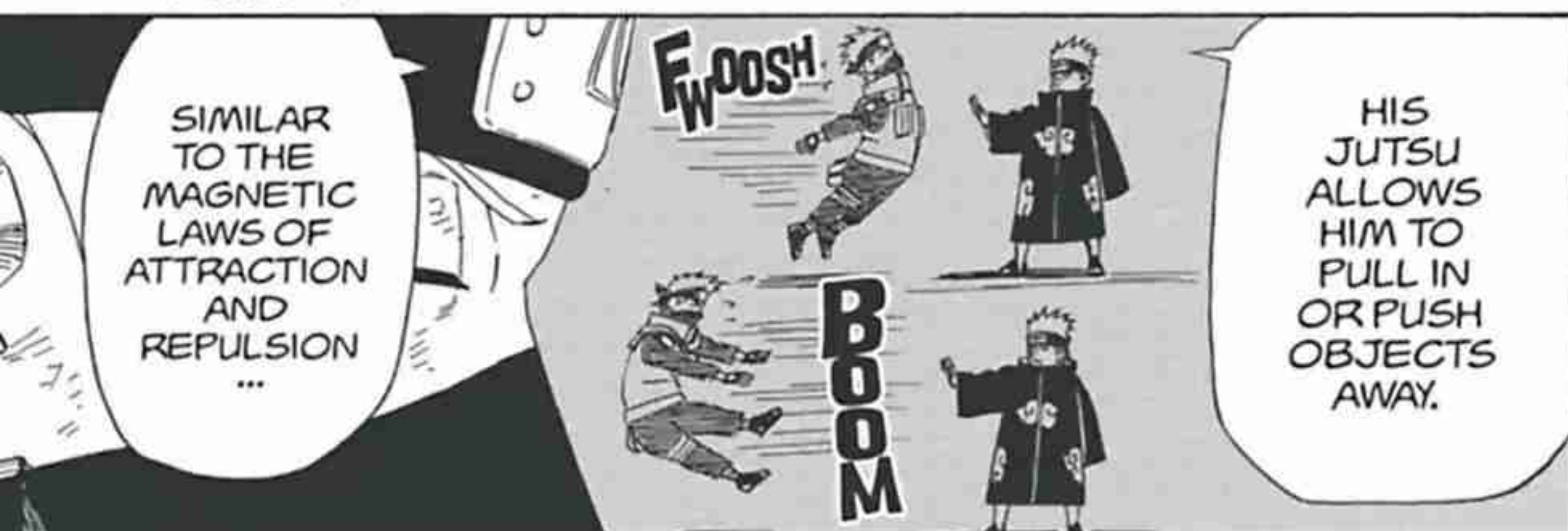
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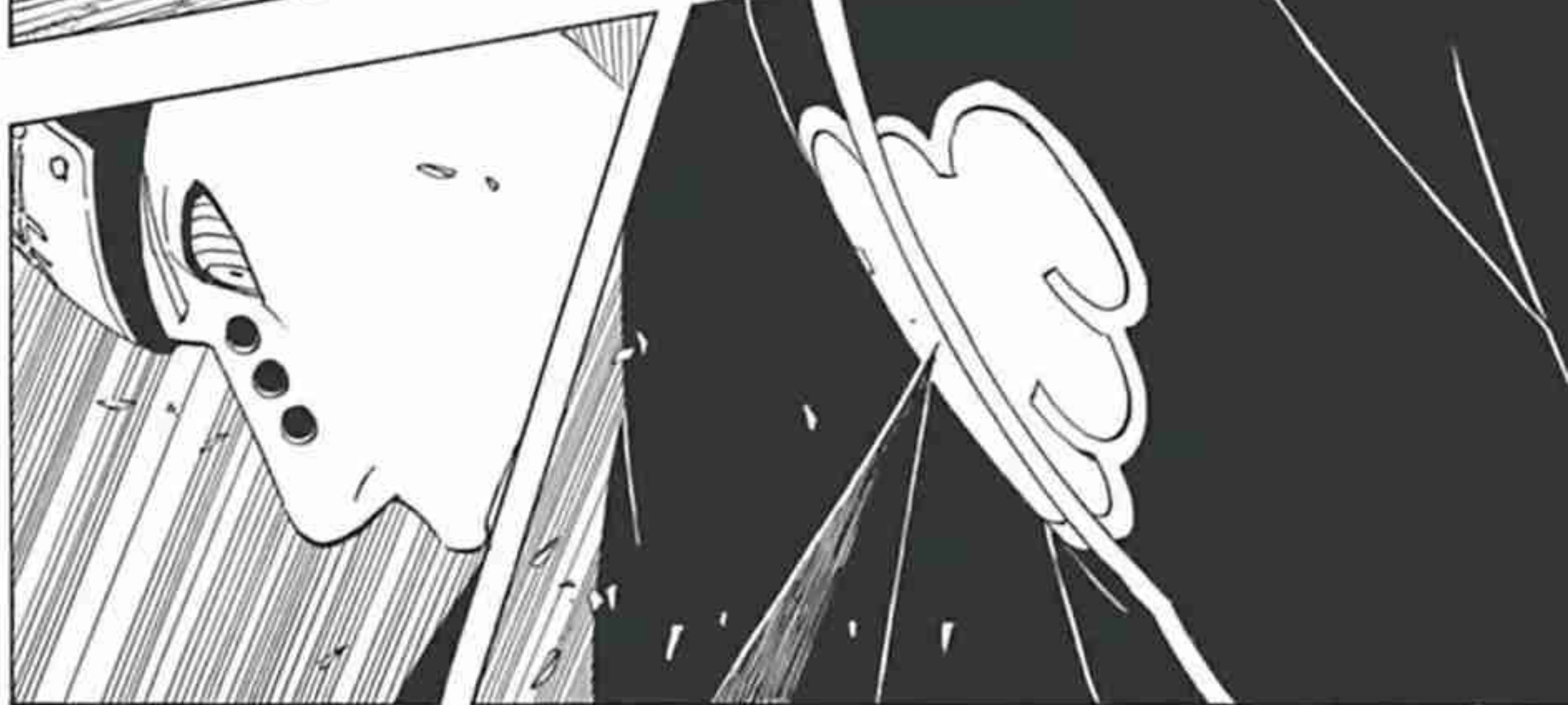




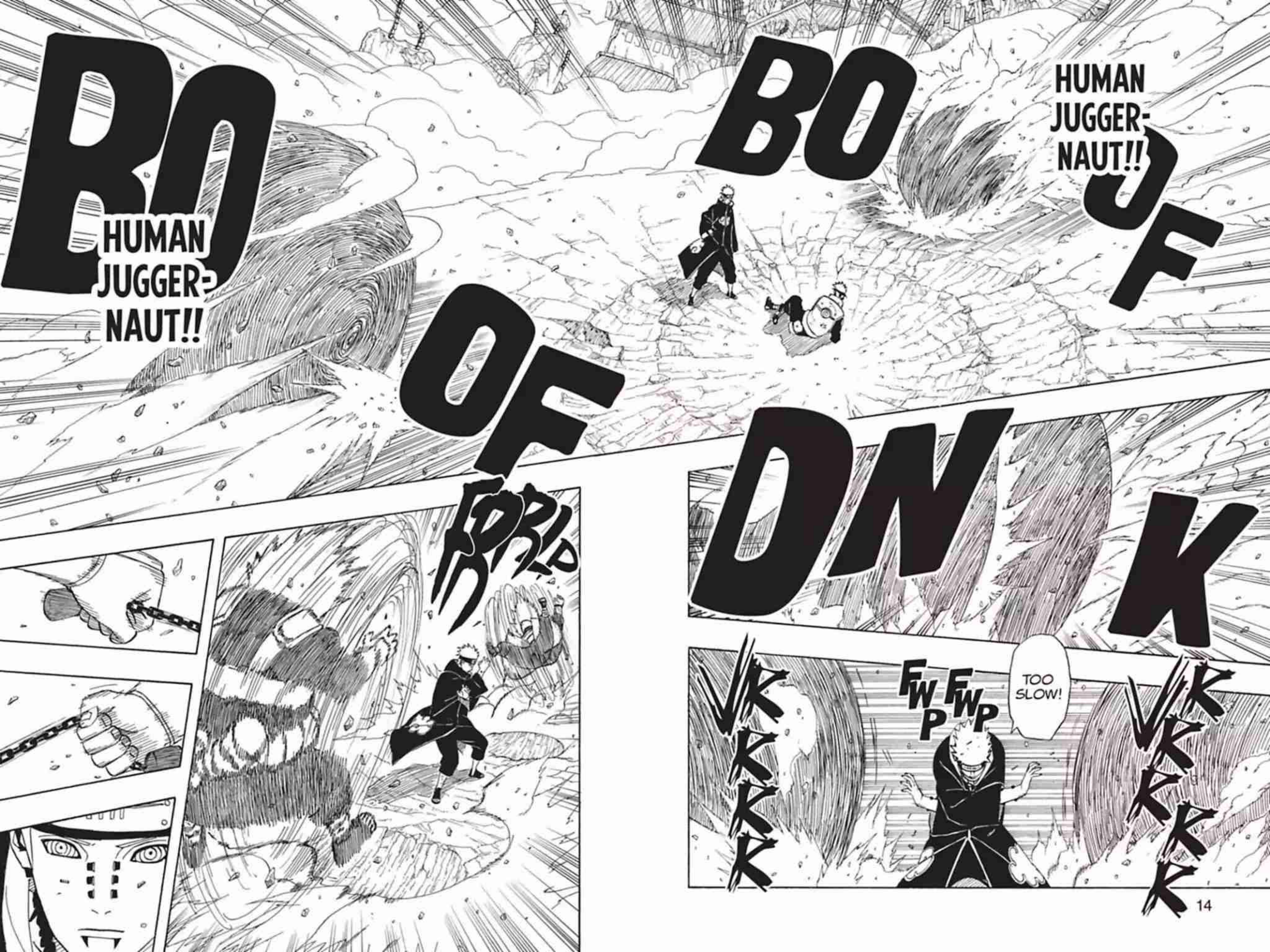












BO
HUMAN
JUGGER-
NAUT!!

BO

HUMAN
JUGGER-
NAUT!!

UF

OF

FOR

DNK

TOO
SLOW!

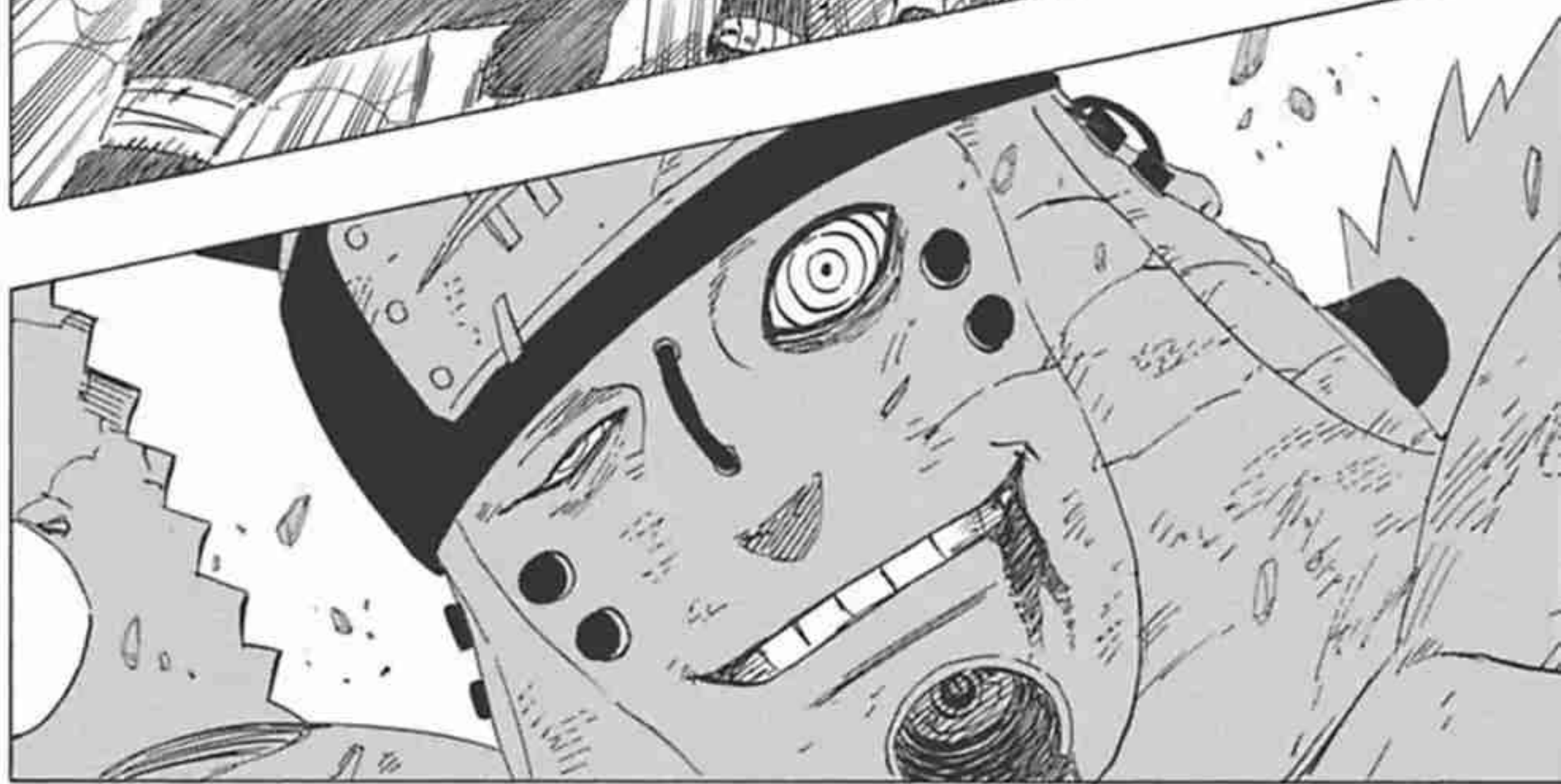
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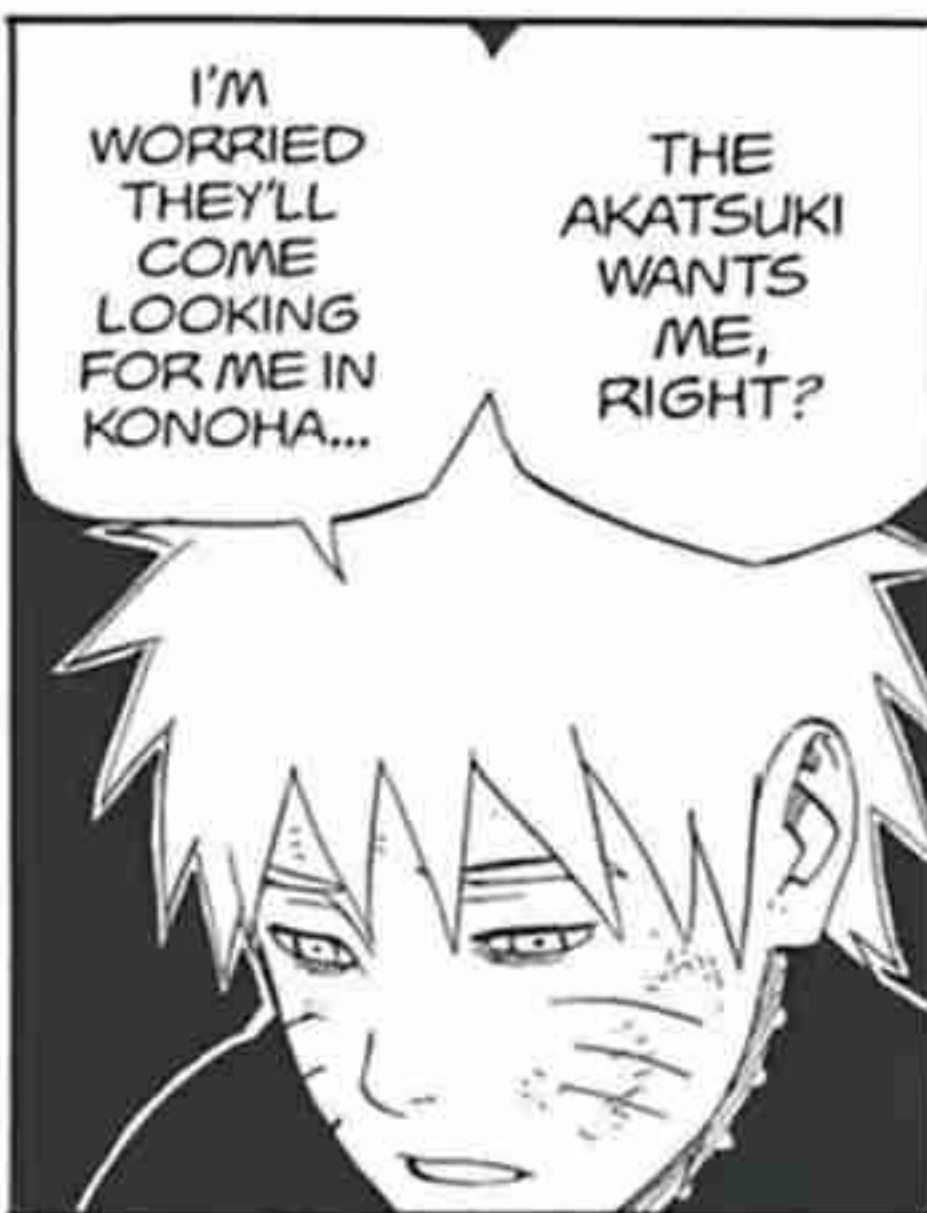
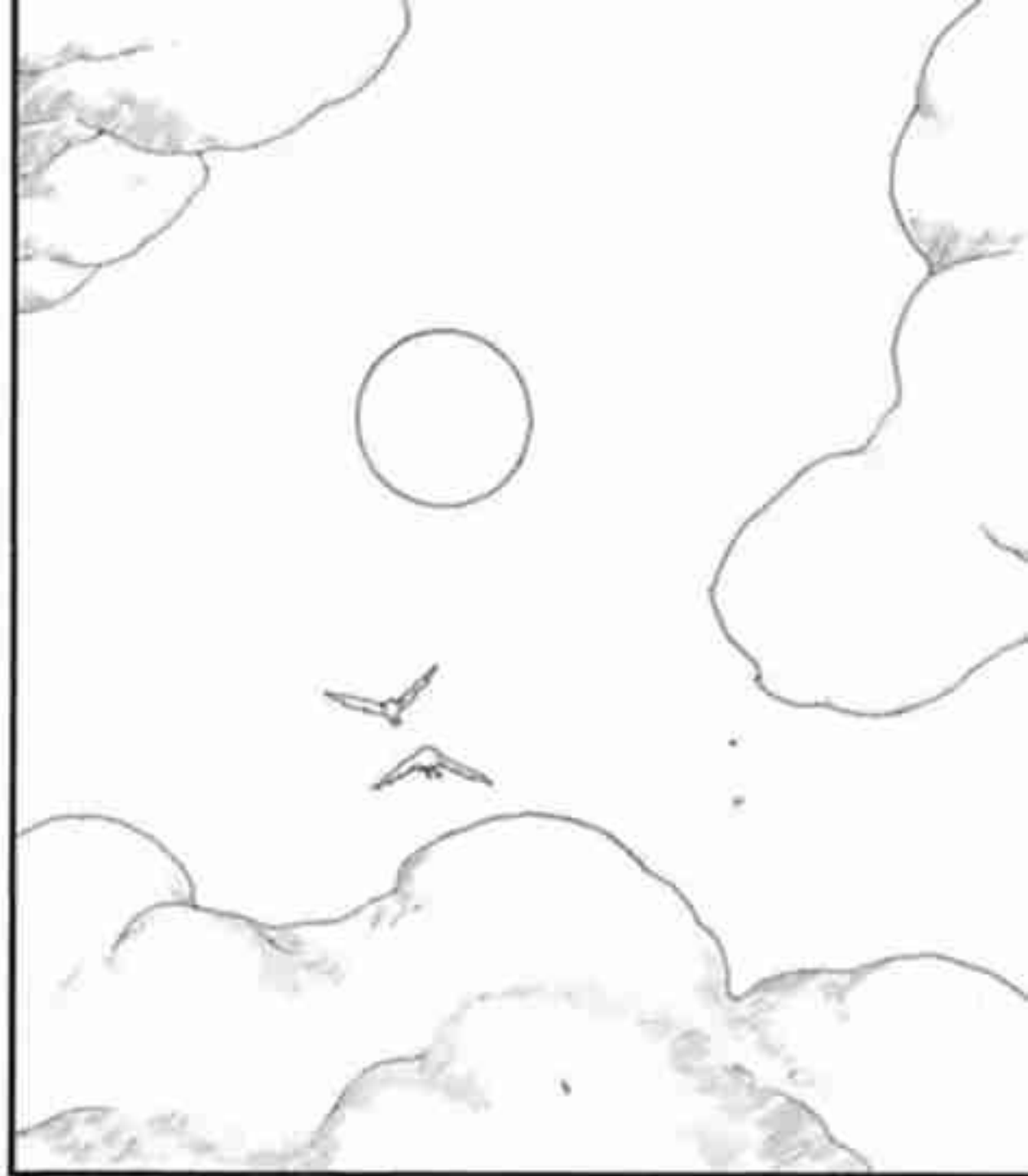
HATAKE KAKASHI...
HE HID THIS CHAIN
UNDERGROUND
BEFORE HIS ATTACK
FROM BELOW!













YOU
NEED TO
FOCUS
RIGHT
NOW,
WITHOUT
GETTING
DIS-
TRACTED!

THERE
ARE PLENTY
OF DISTIN-
GUISHED
SHINOBI
IN THE
VILLAGE OF
KONOHA!

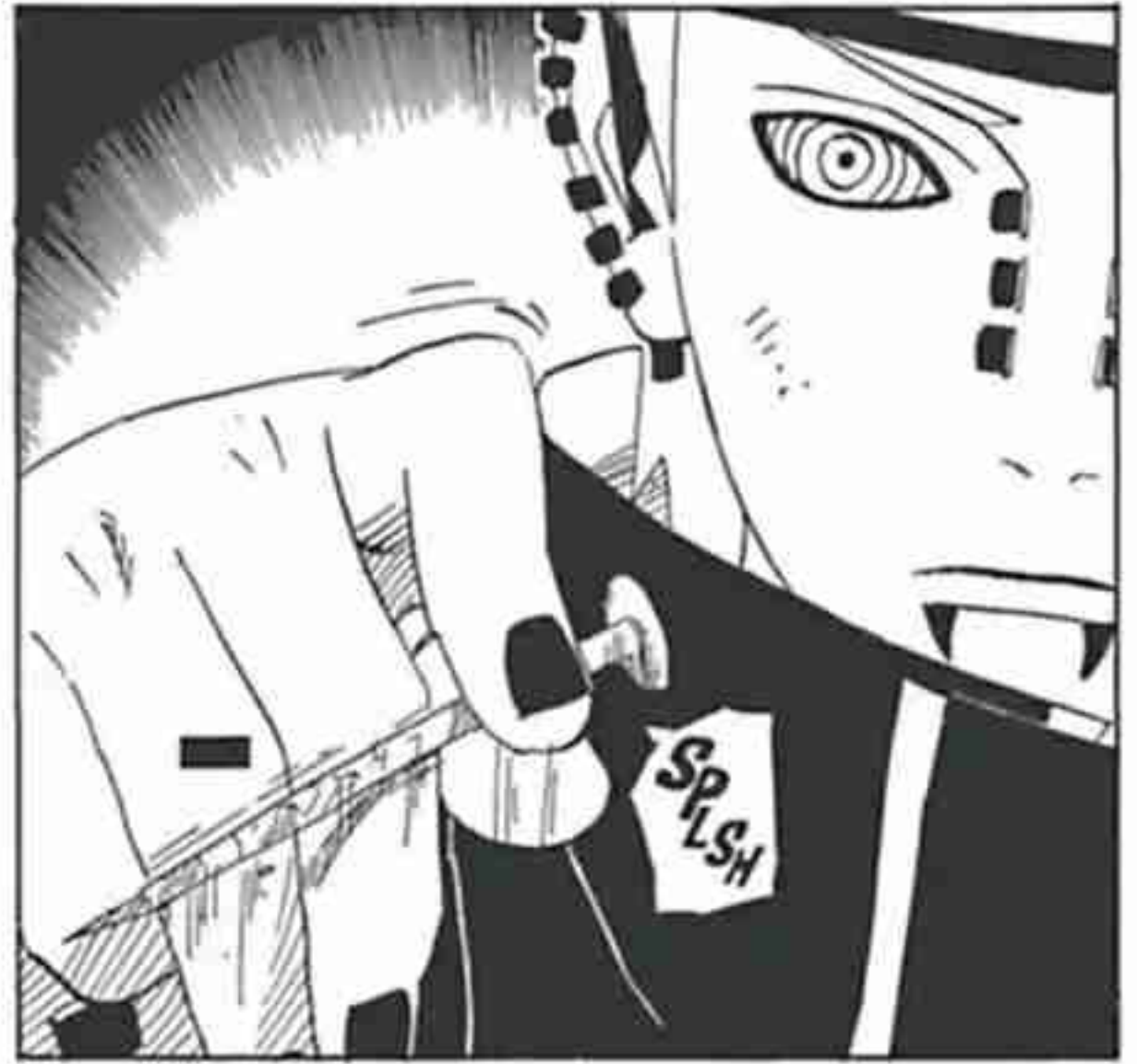
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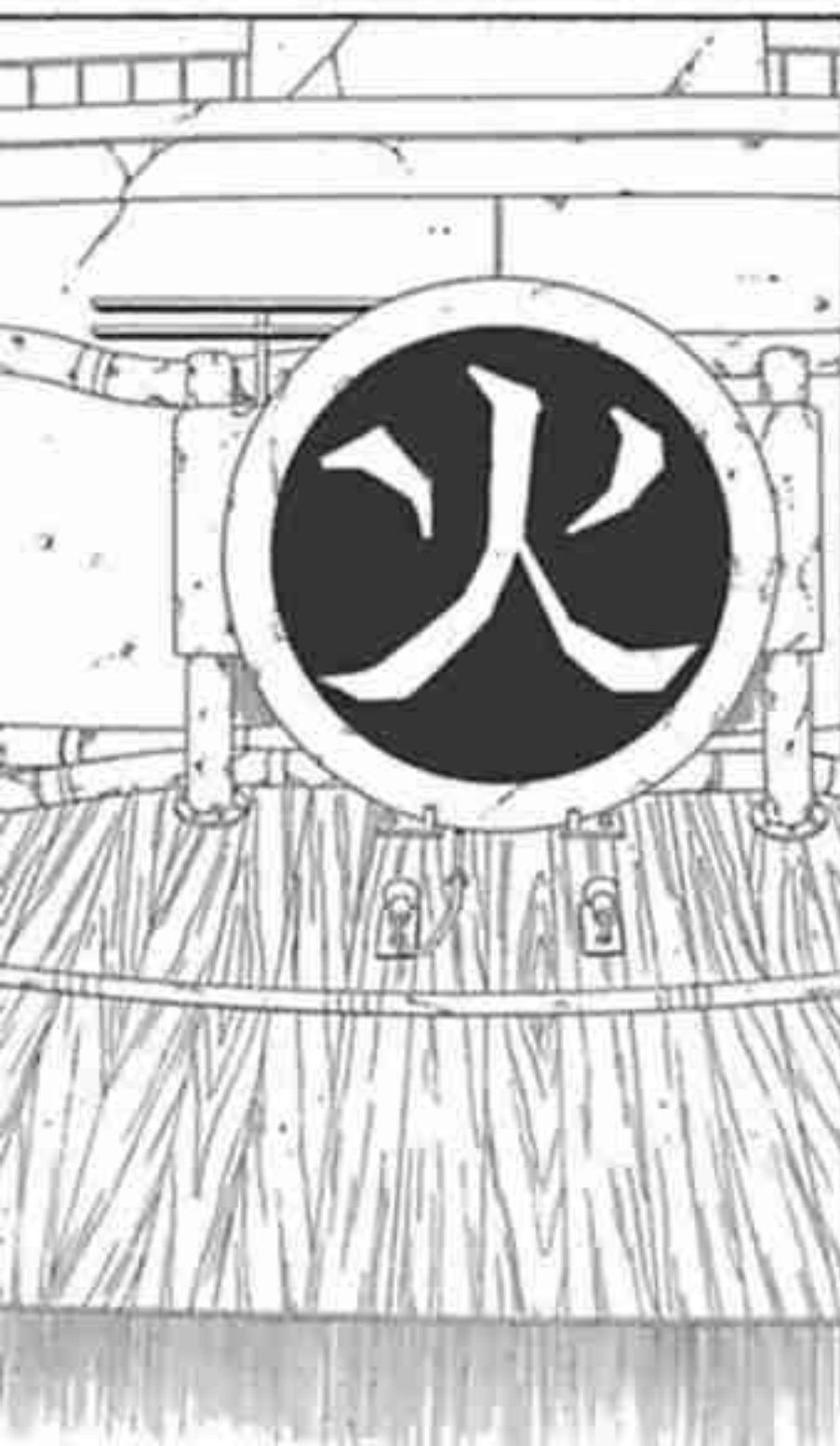
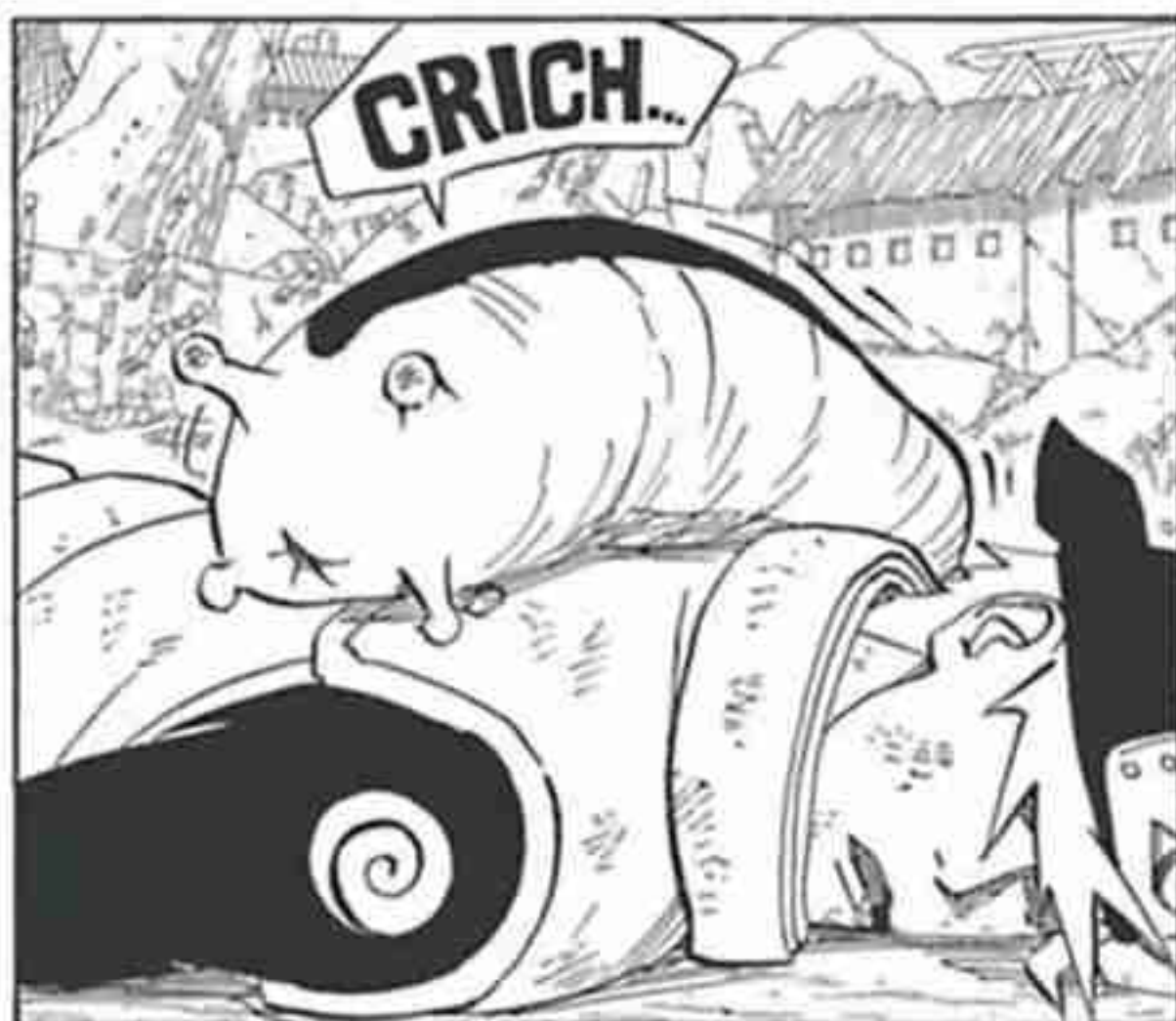
BESIDES,
IF SOME-
THING
WERE TO
HAPPEN,
THEY'D
SEND A
MESSENGER
FROG TO
LET US
KNOW!





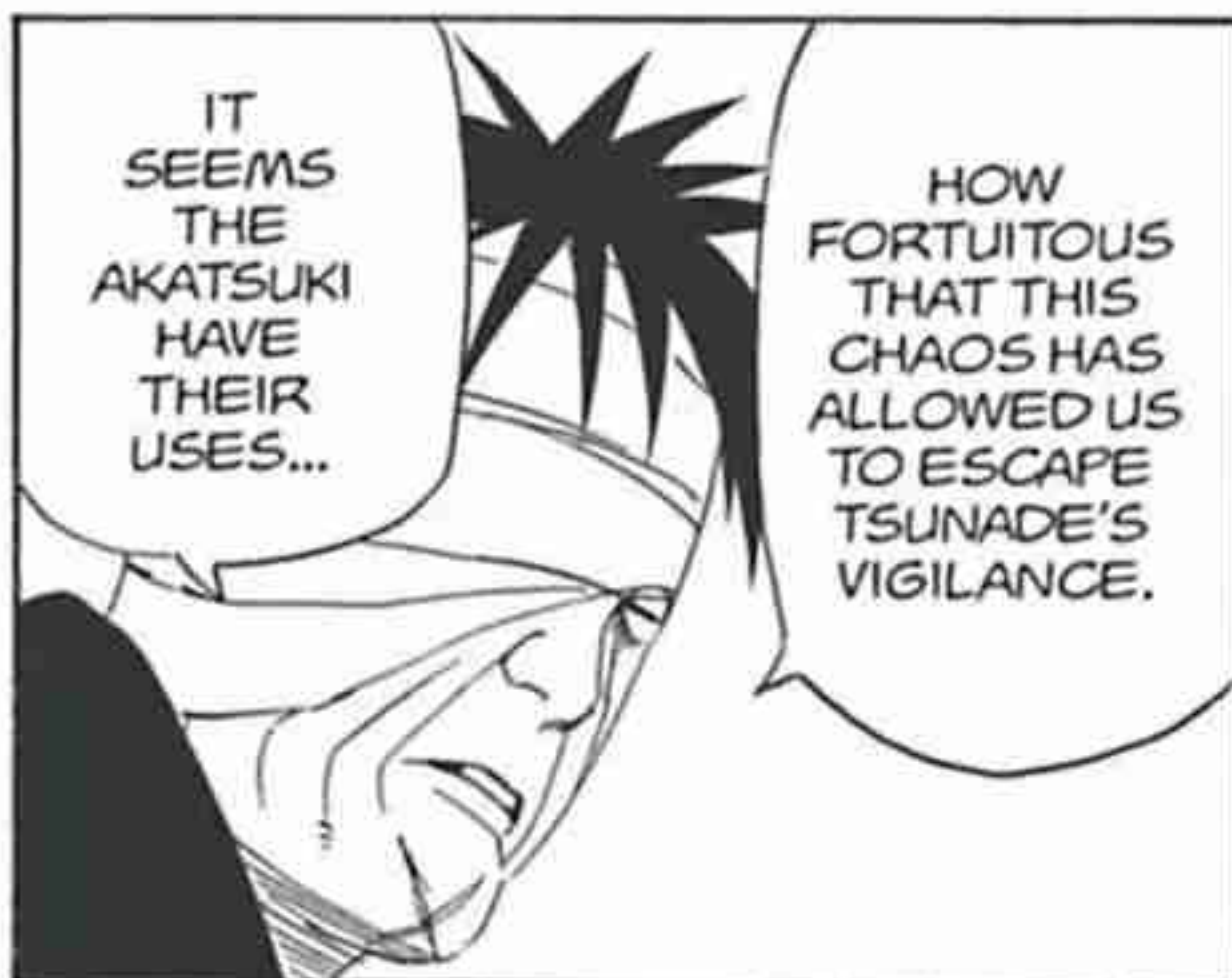






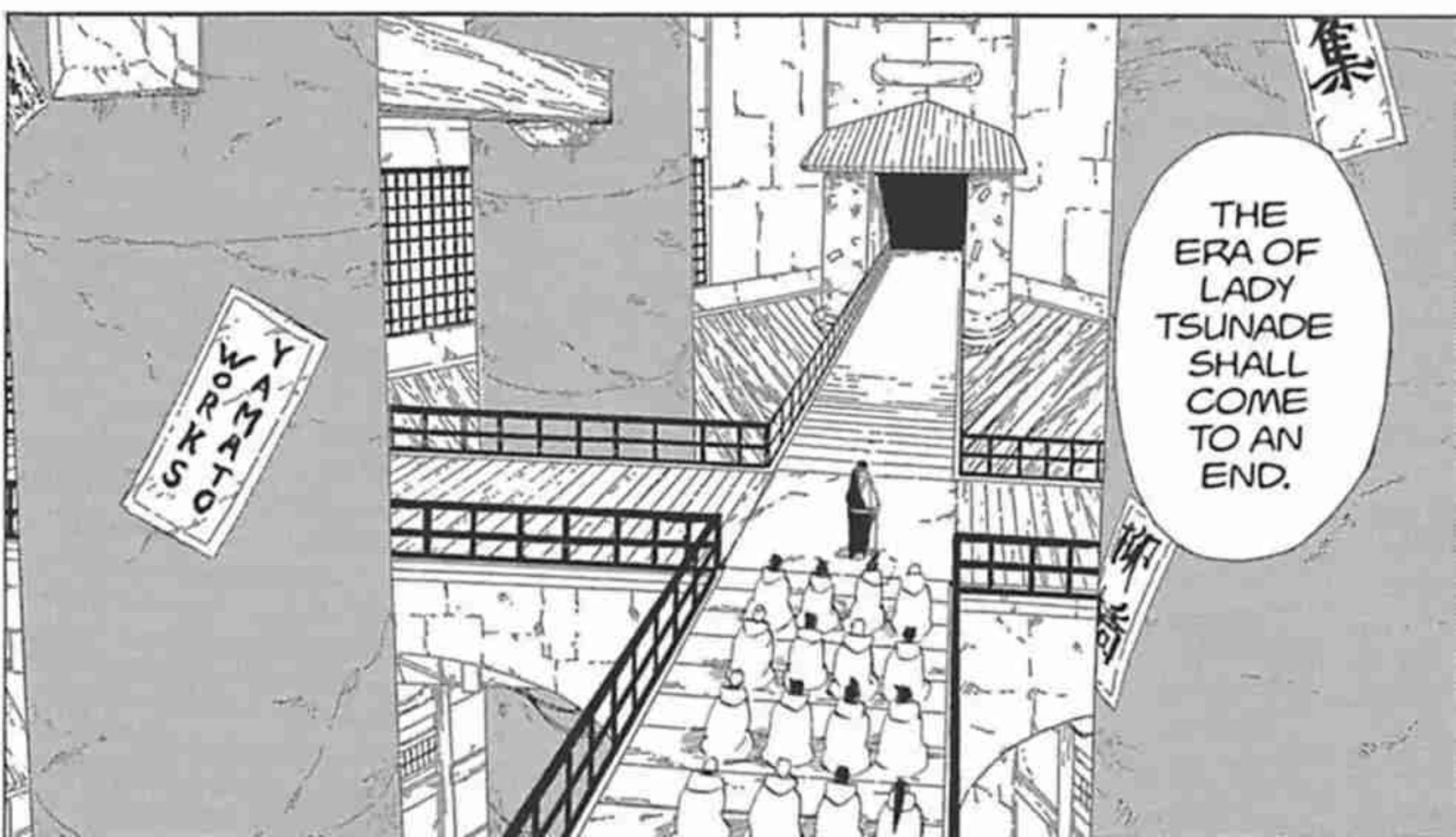
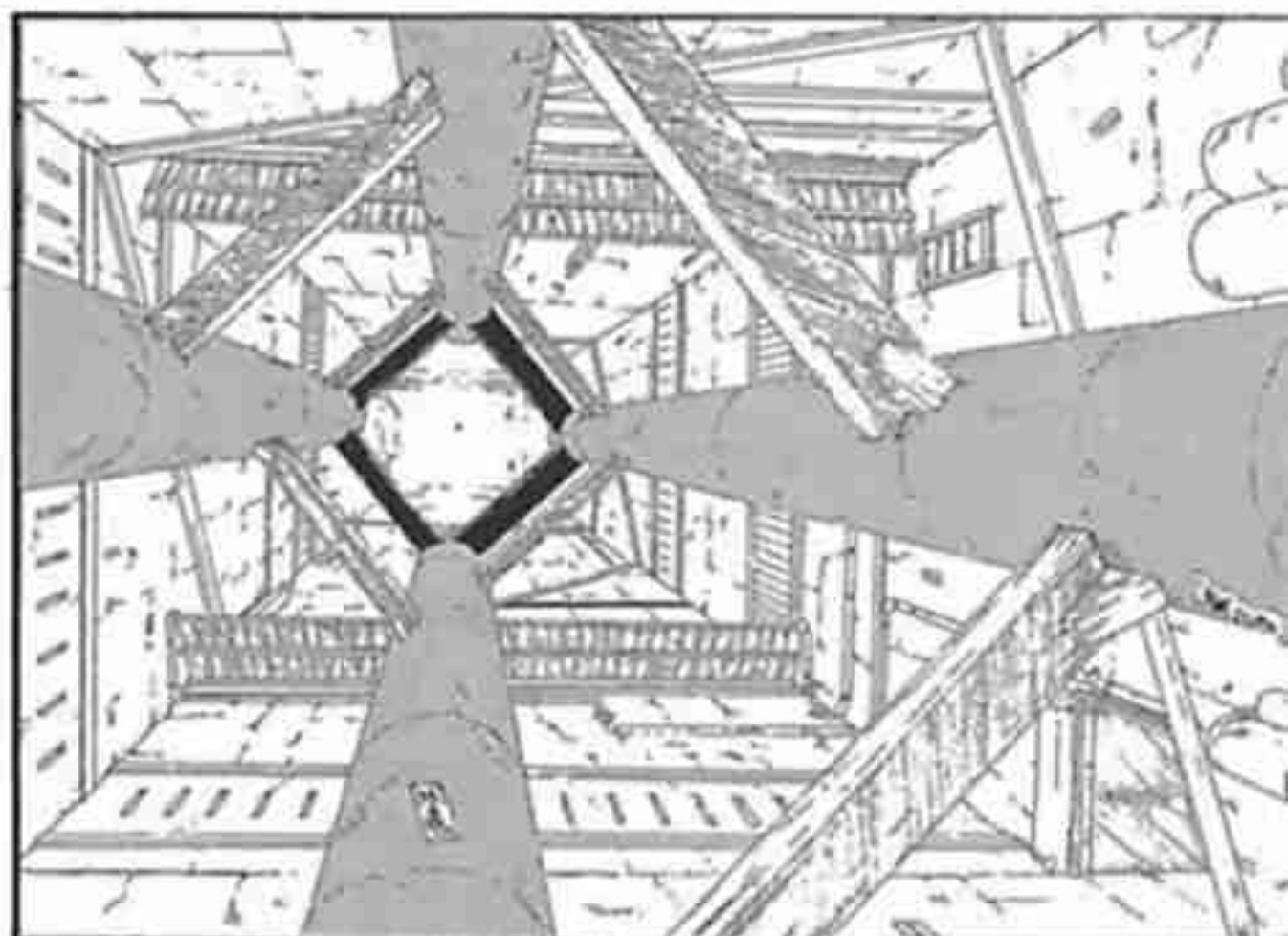


SO MUCH DAMAGE, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

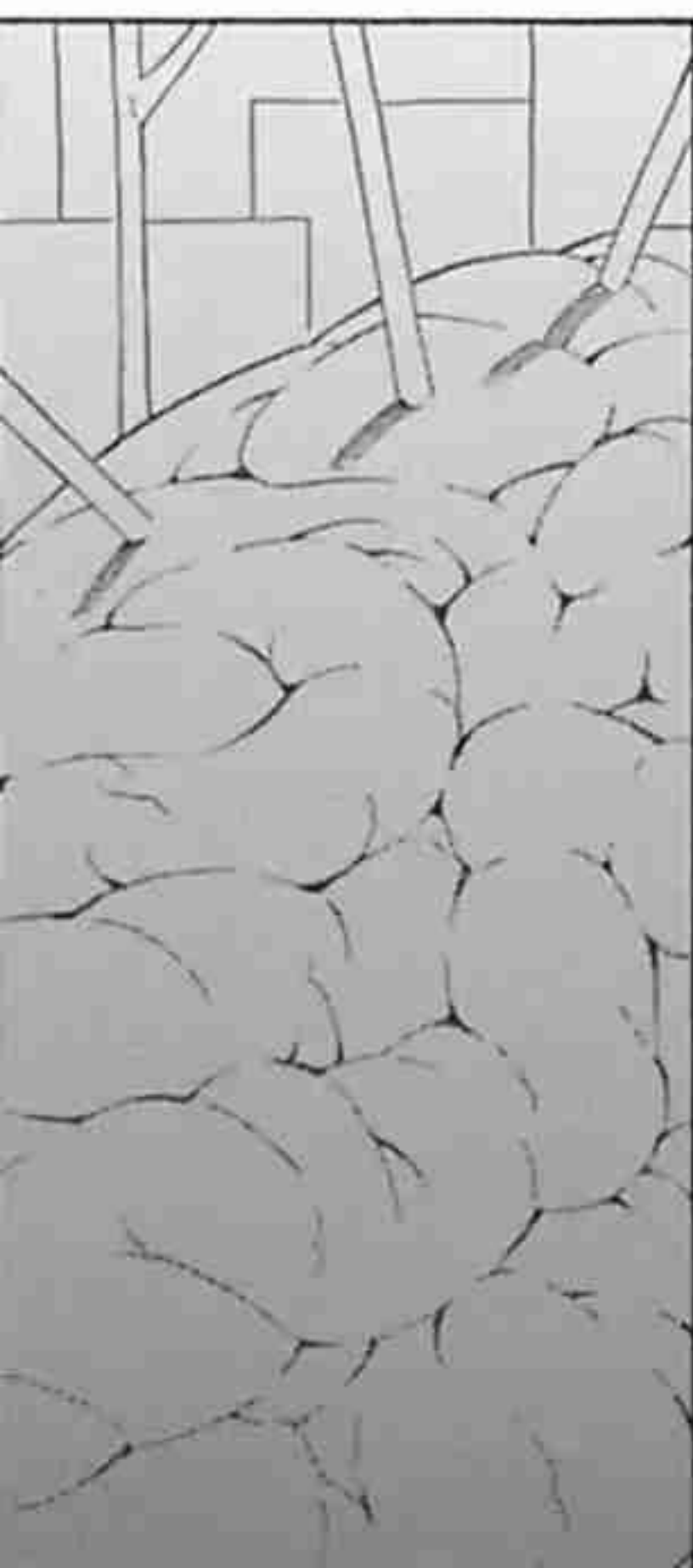


IT SEEMS THE AKATSUKI HAVE THEIR USES...

HOW FORTUITOUS THAT THIS CHAOS HAS ALLOWED US TO ESCAPE TSUNADE'S VIGILANCE.



THE ERA OF LADY TSUNADE SHALL COME TO AN END.







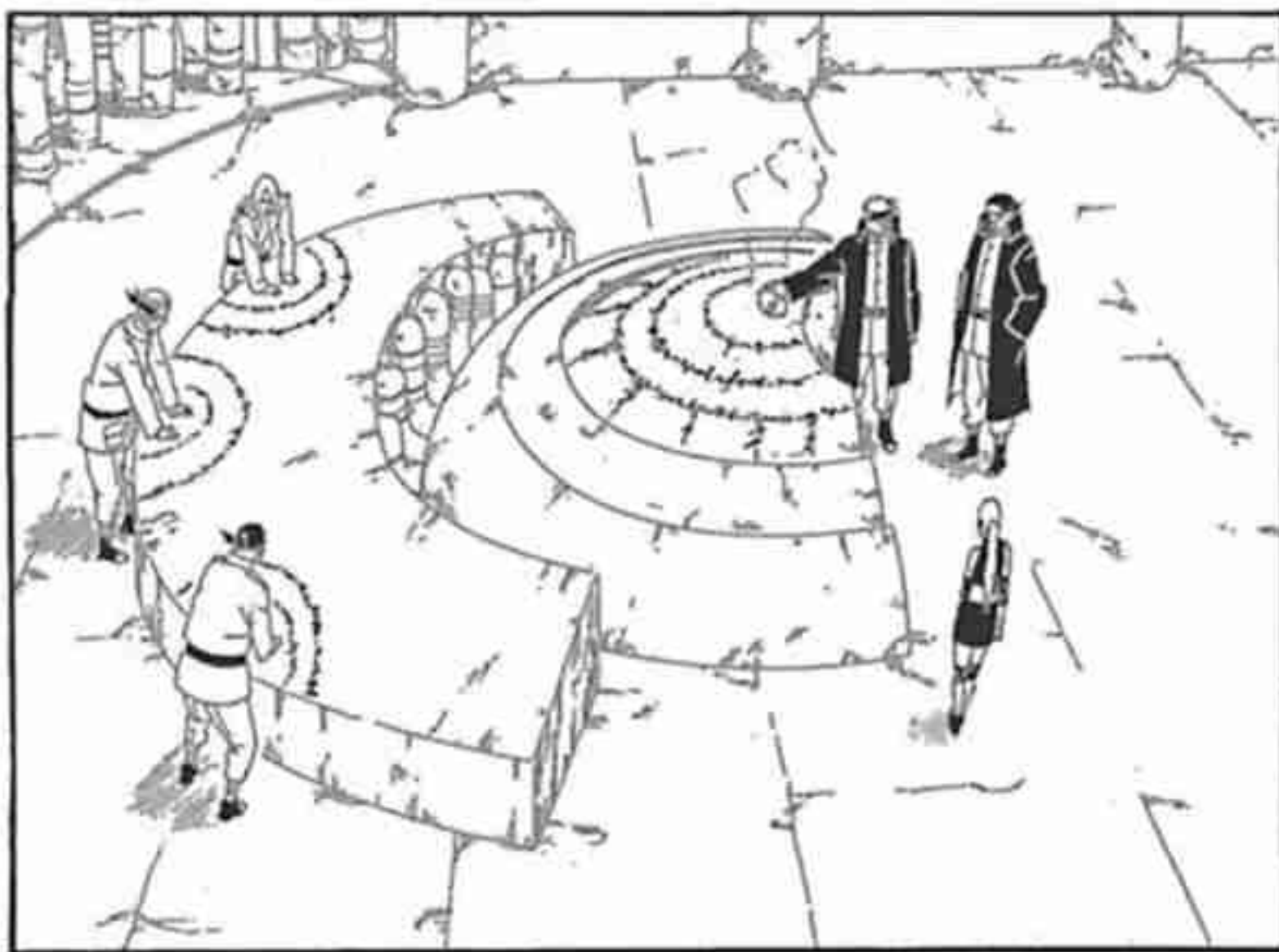
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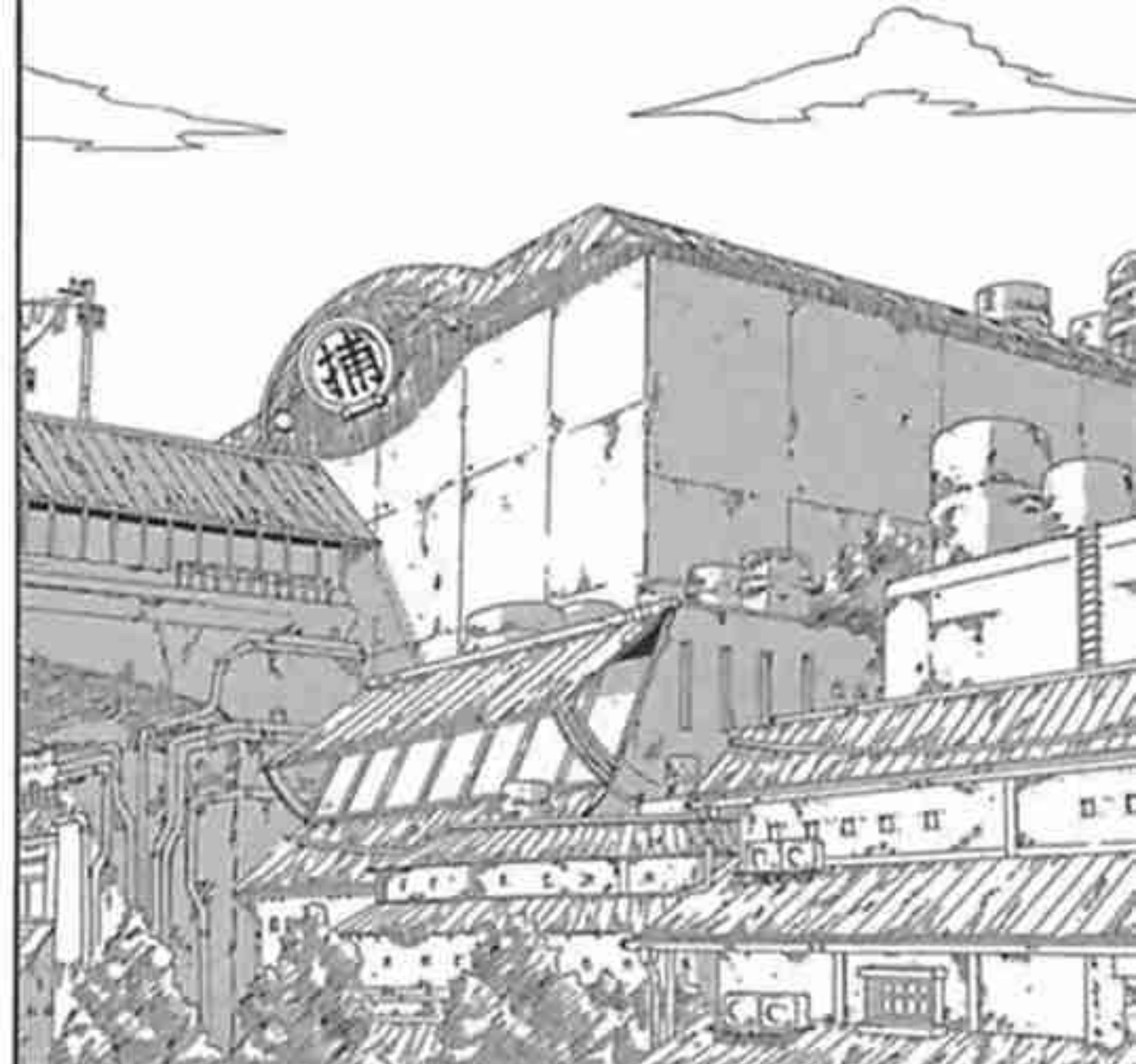












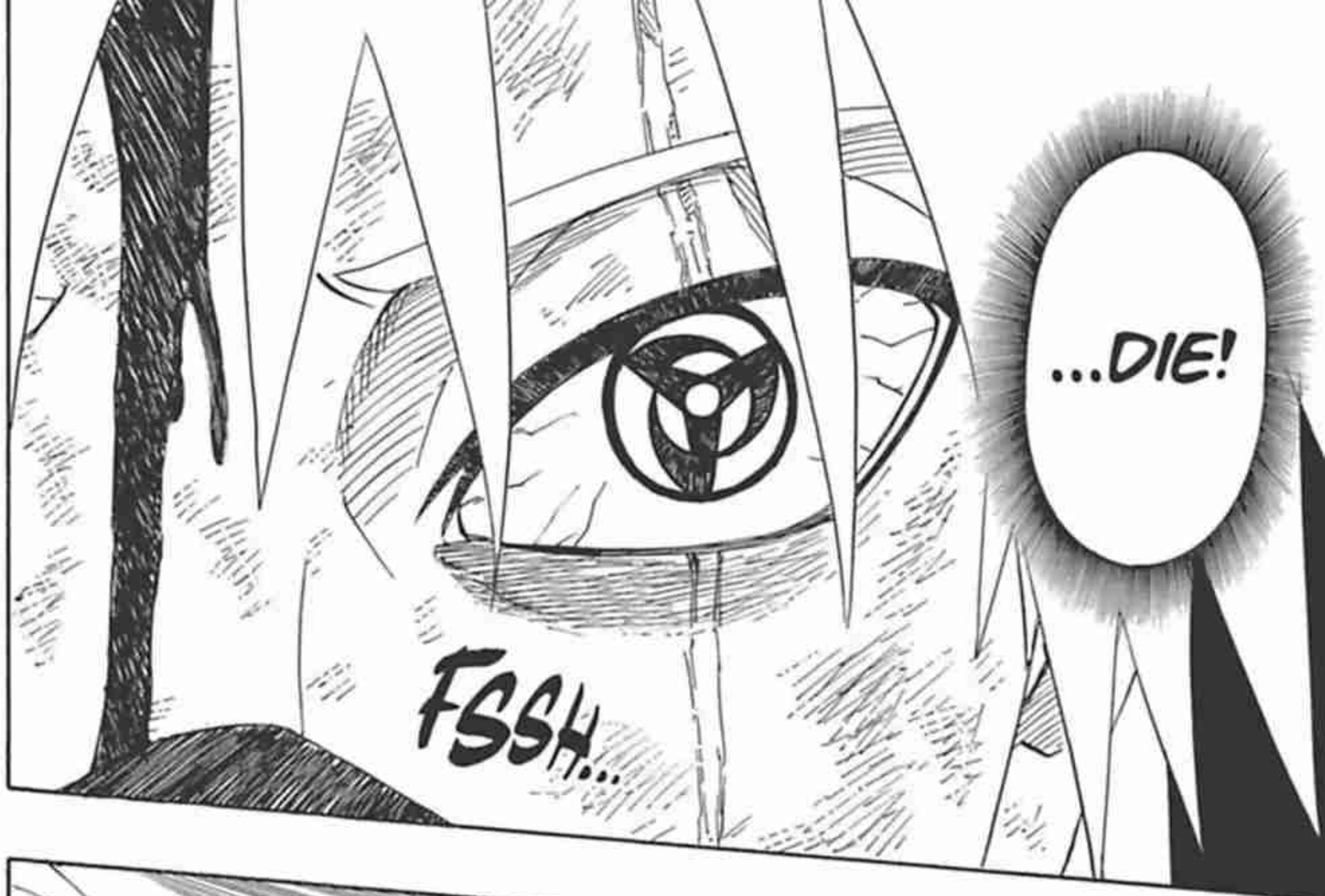
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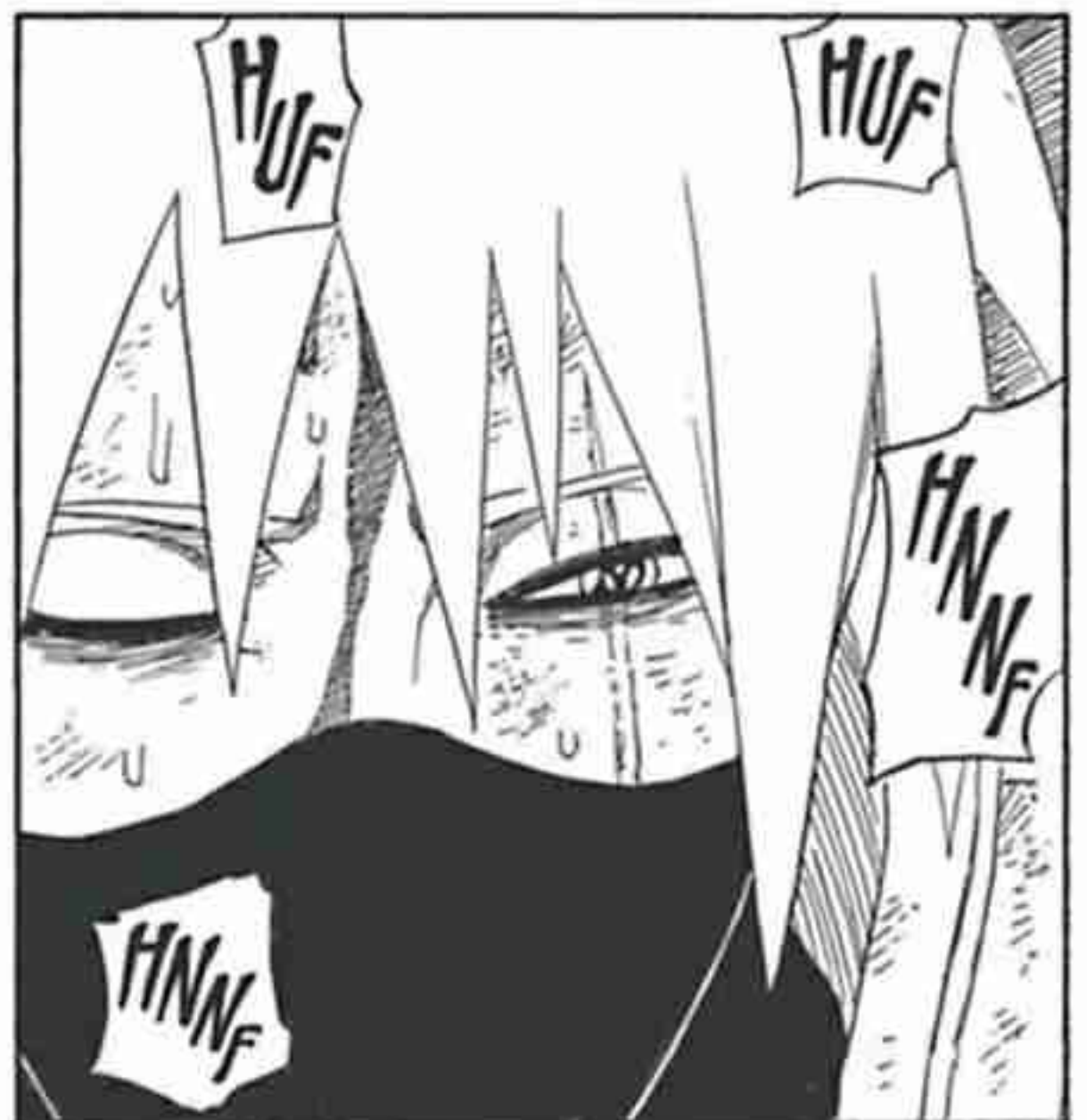
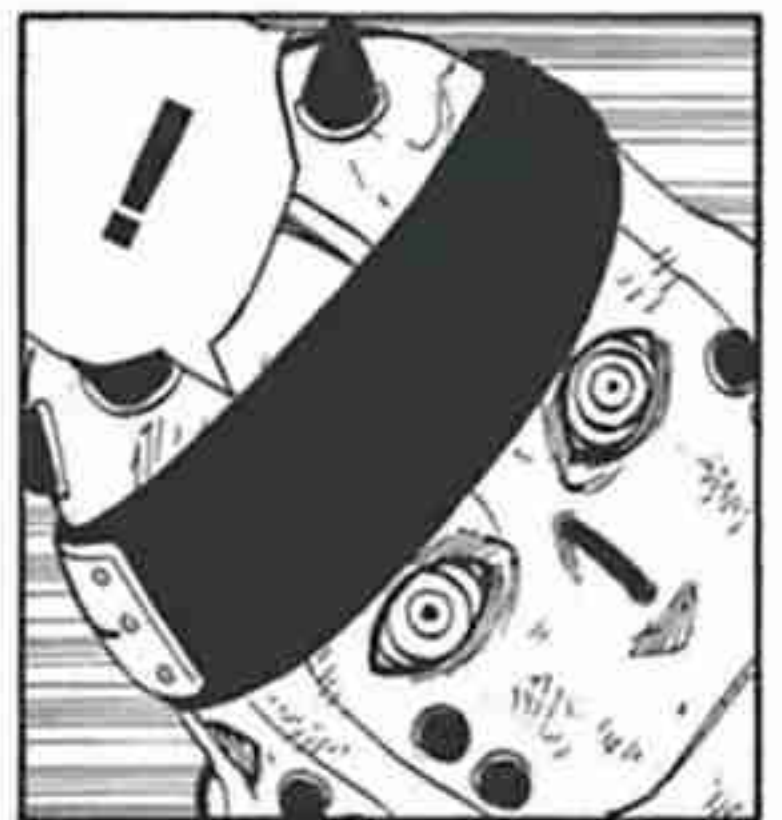


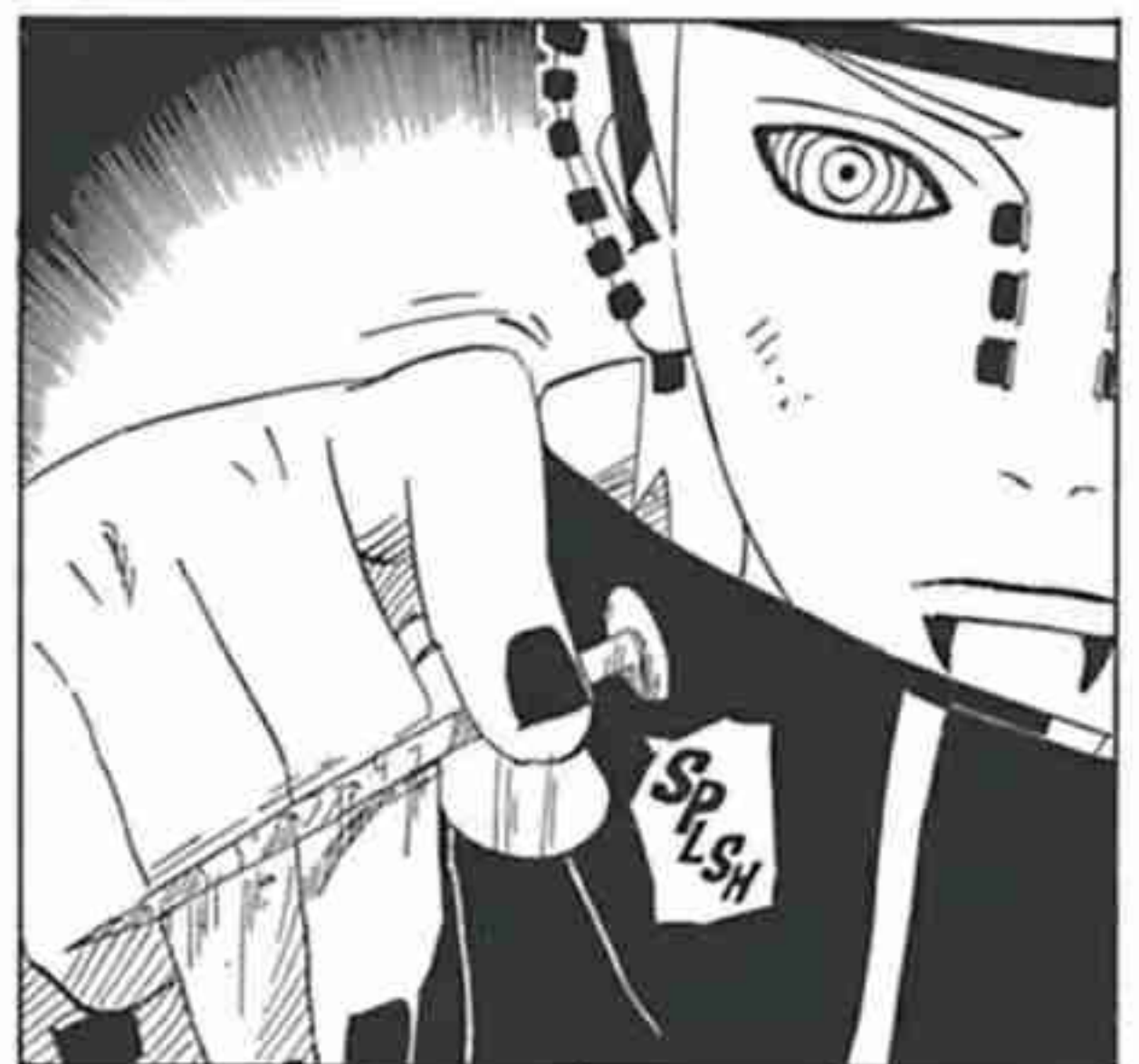










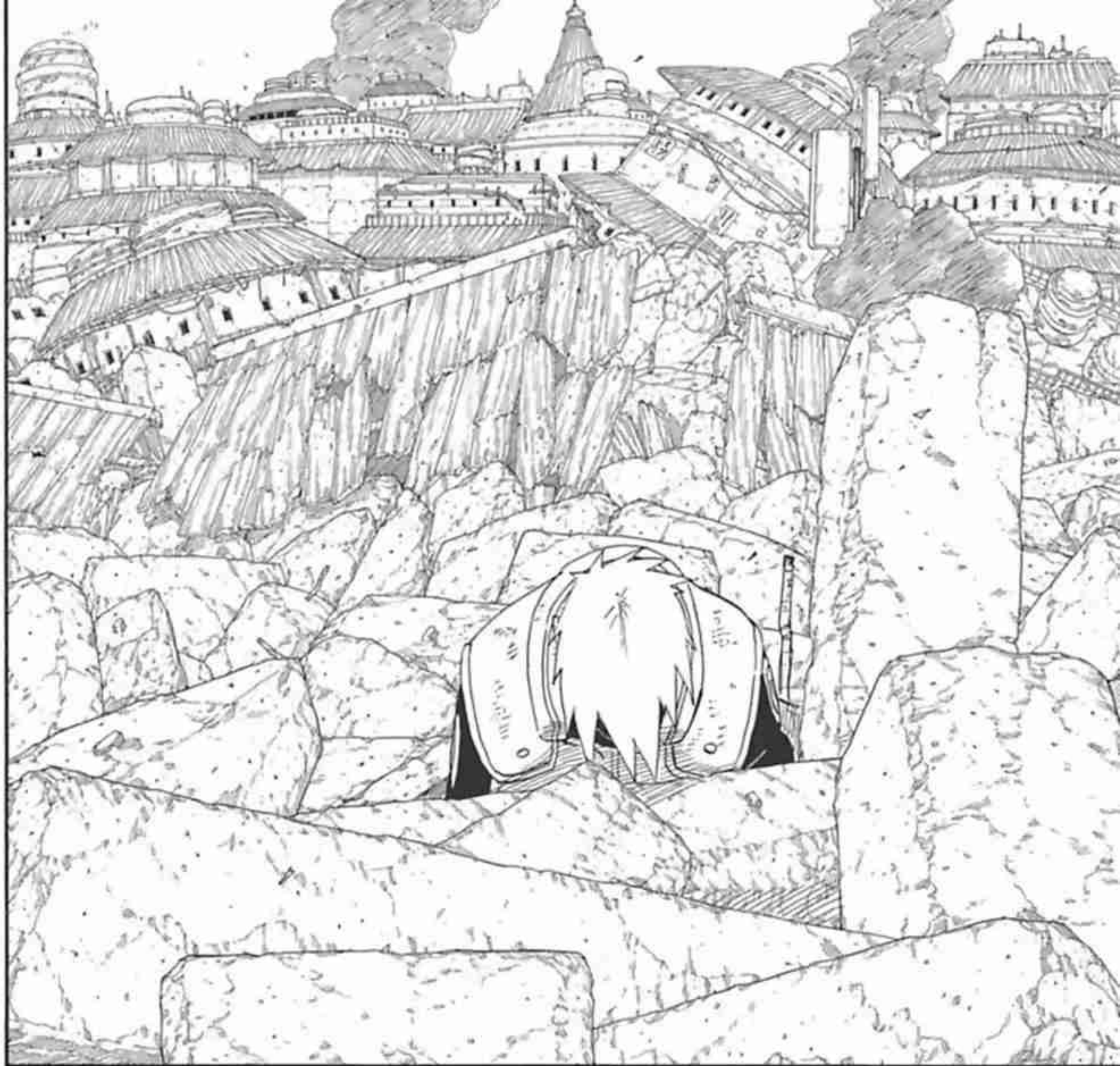


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Hatake
Kakashi





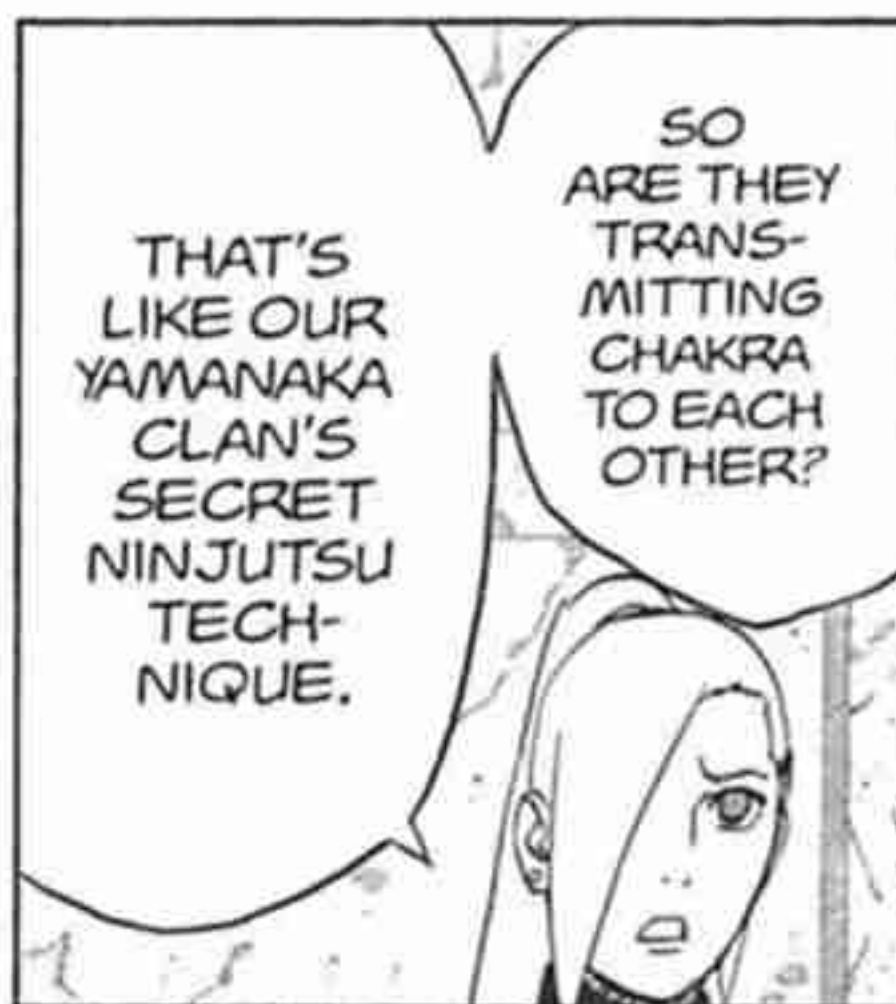
















GRRROAR!!

ZZZZAP



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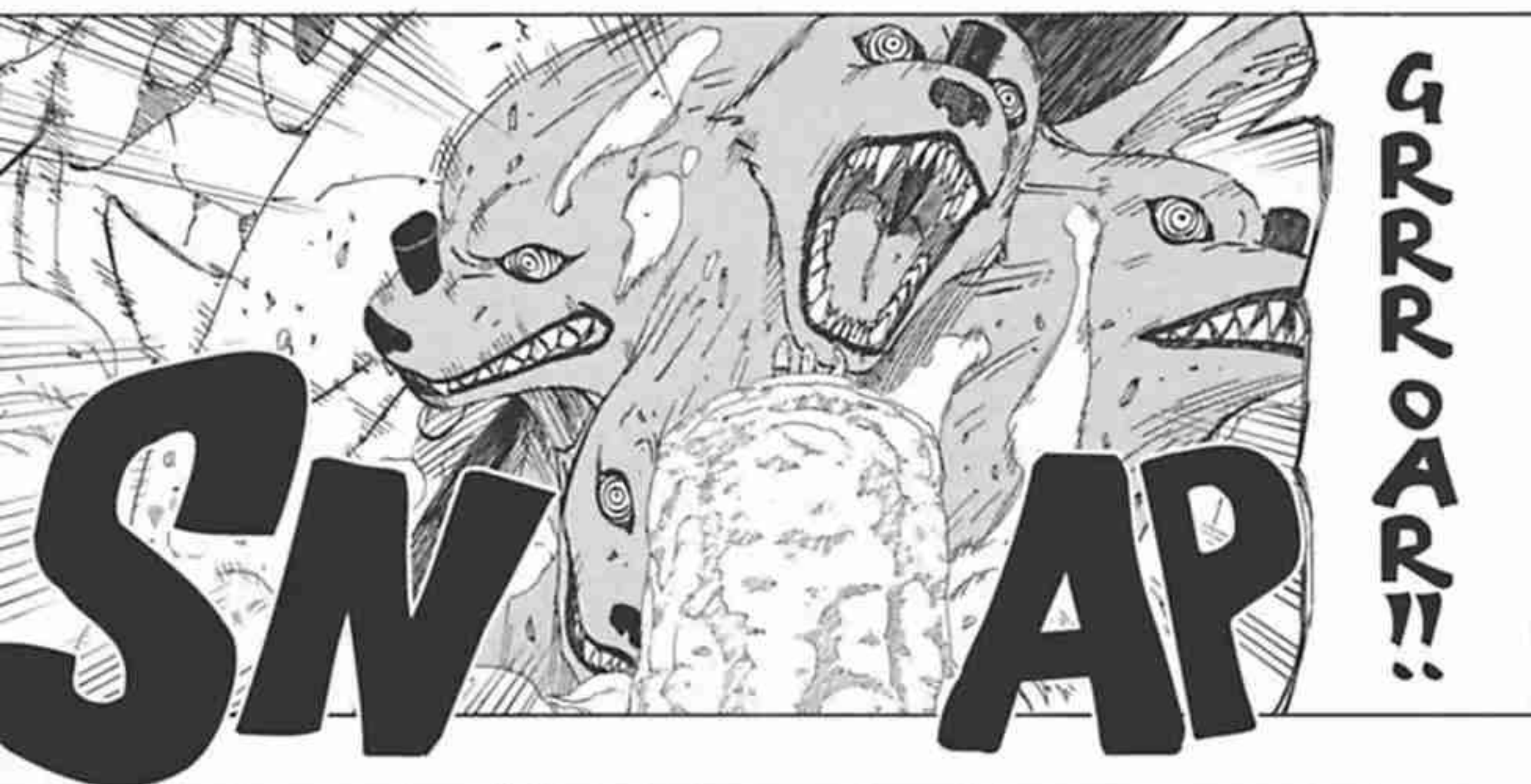
OOM



BOOF



EARTH
STYLE!
BUTA
FUTA!!



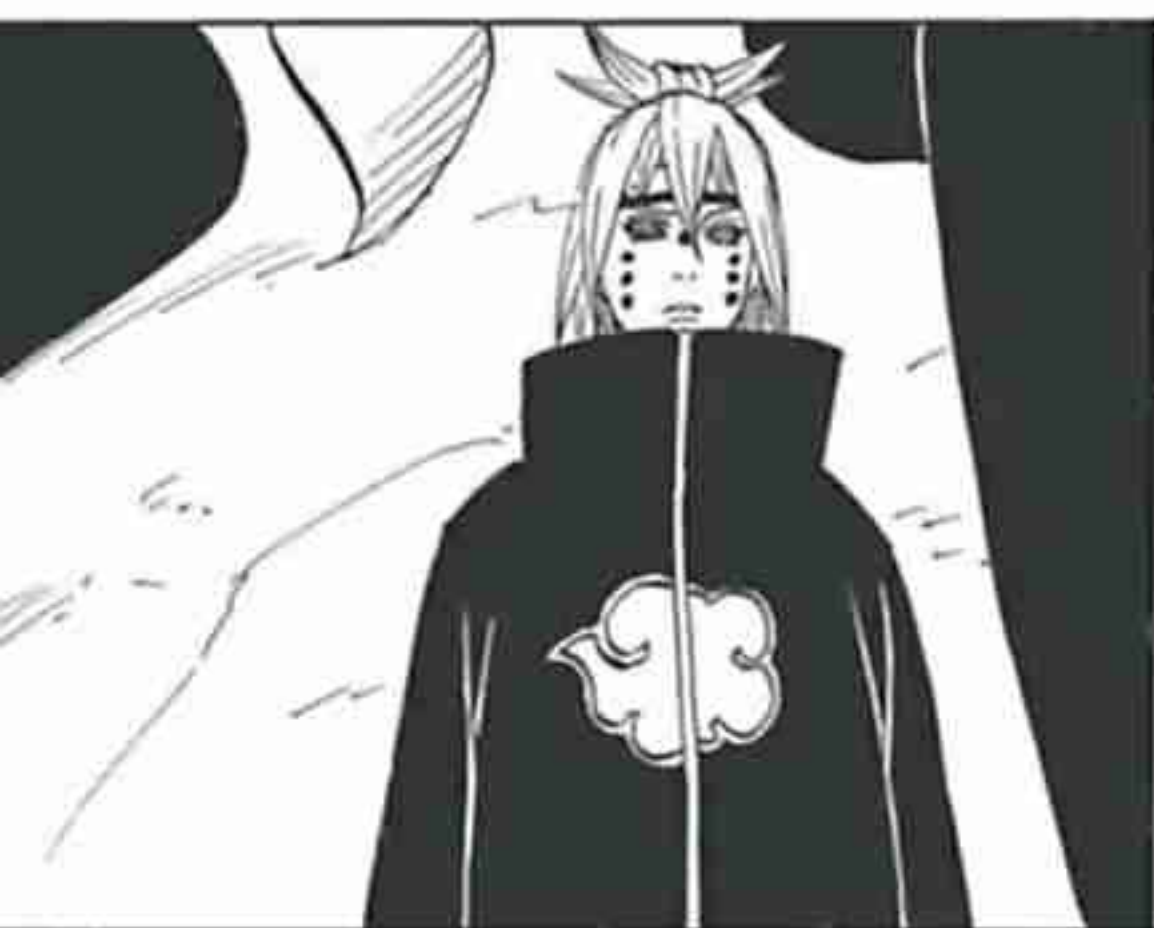


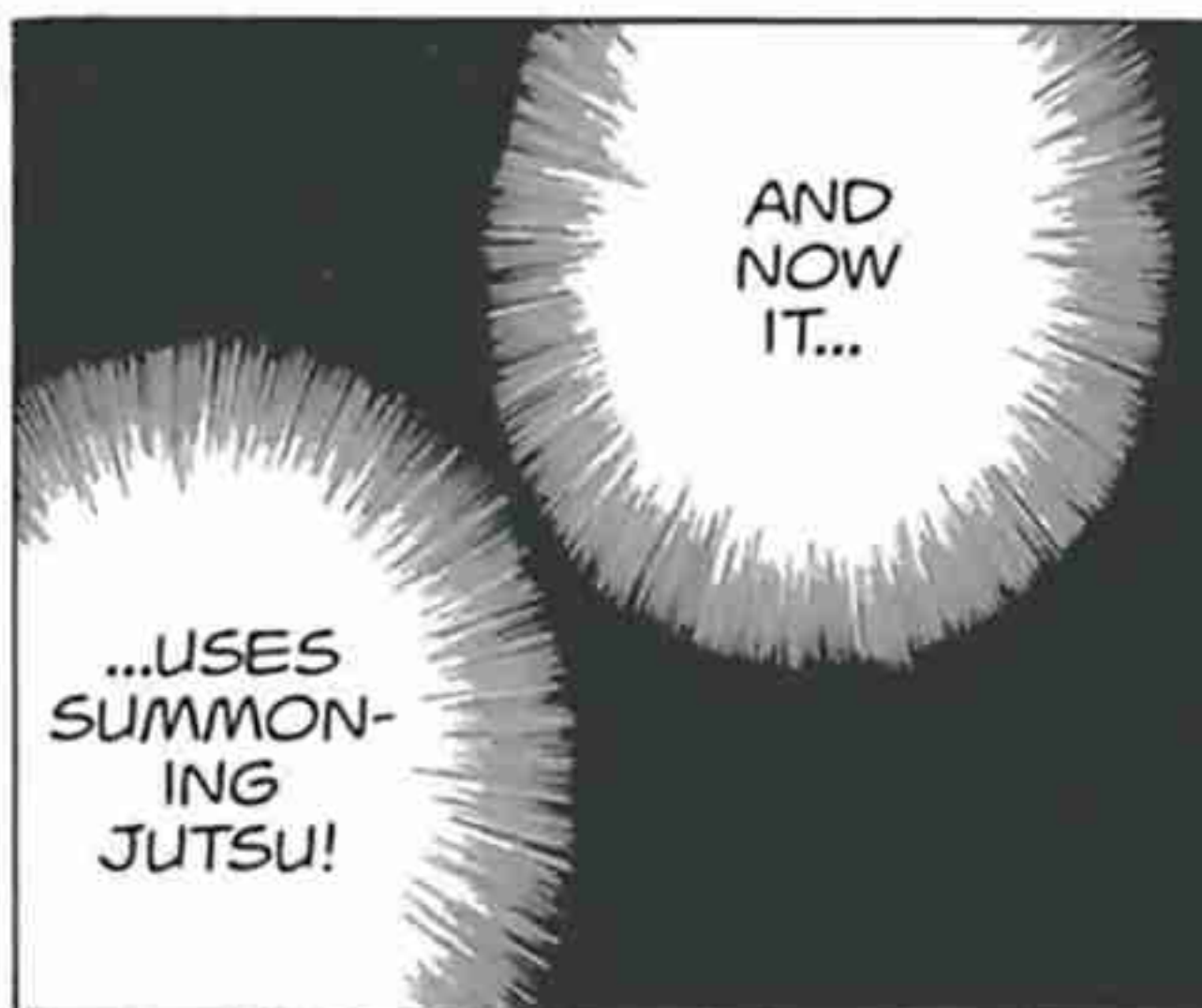
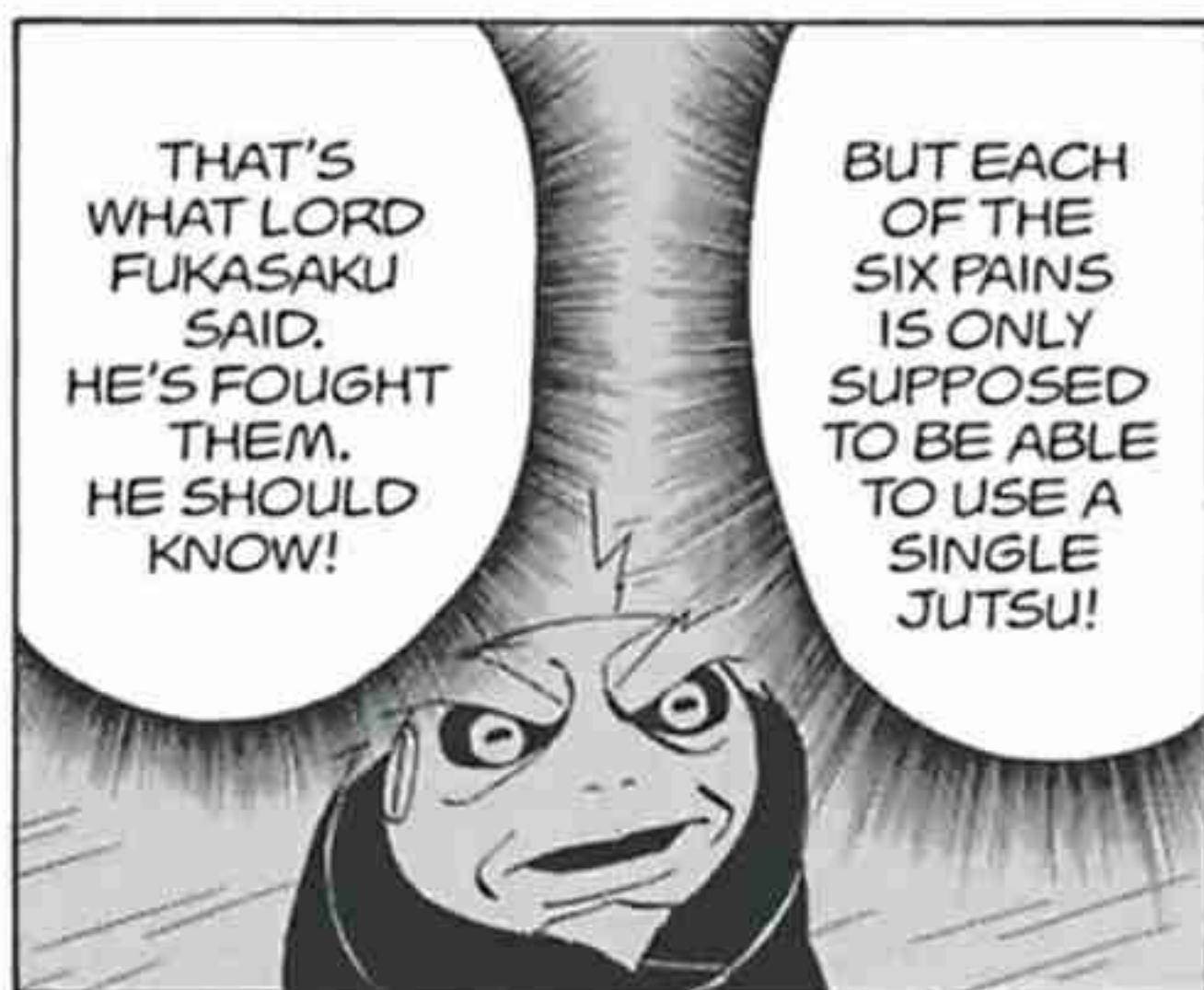




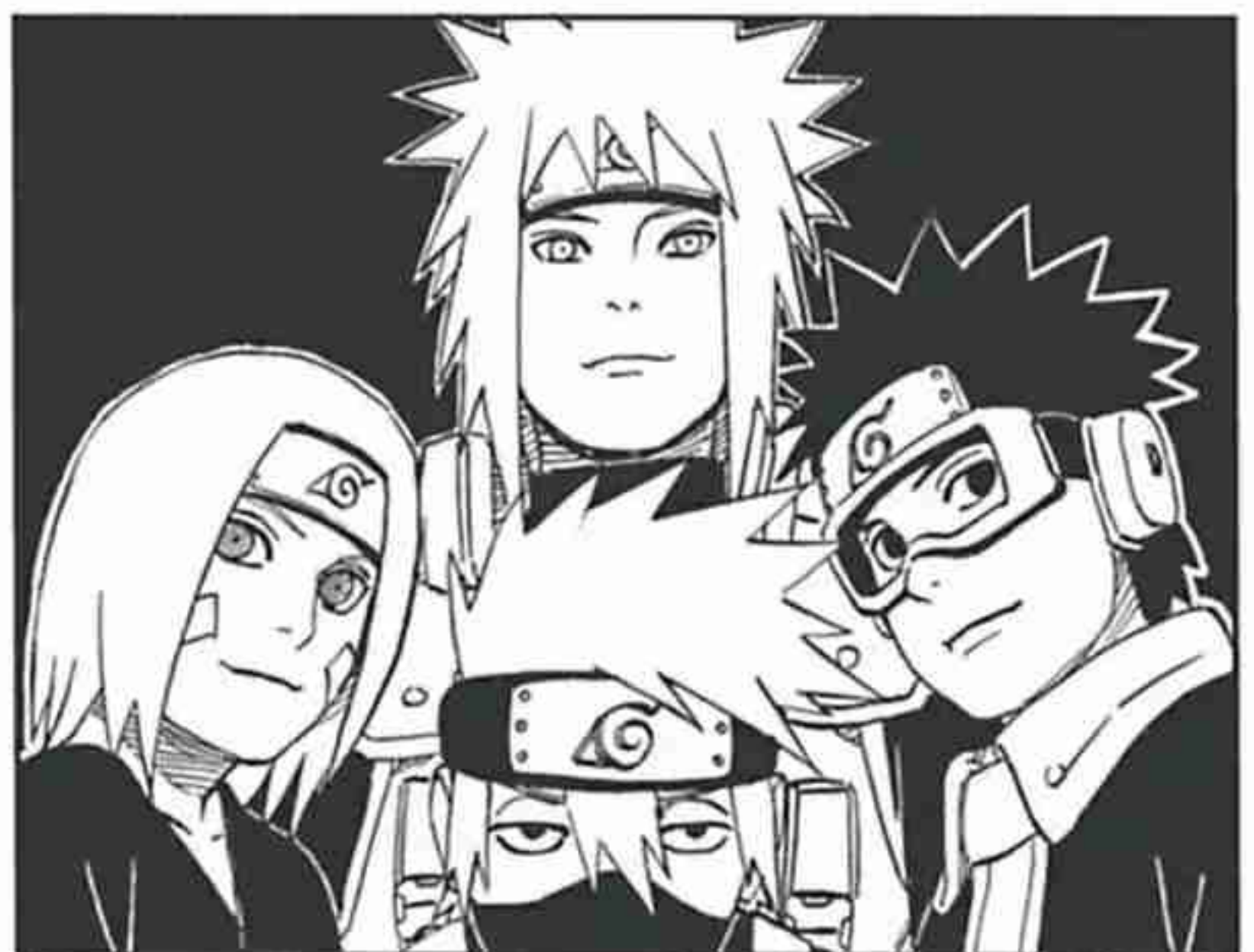
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Number 426: Naruto & Konoha!!

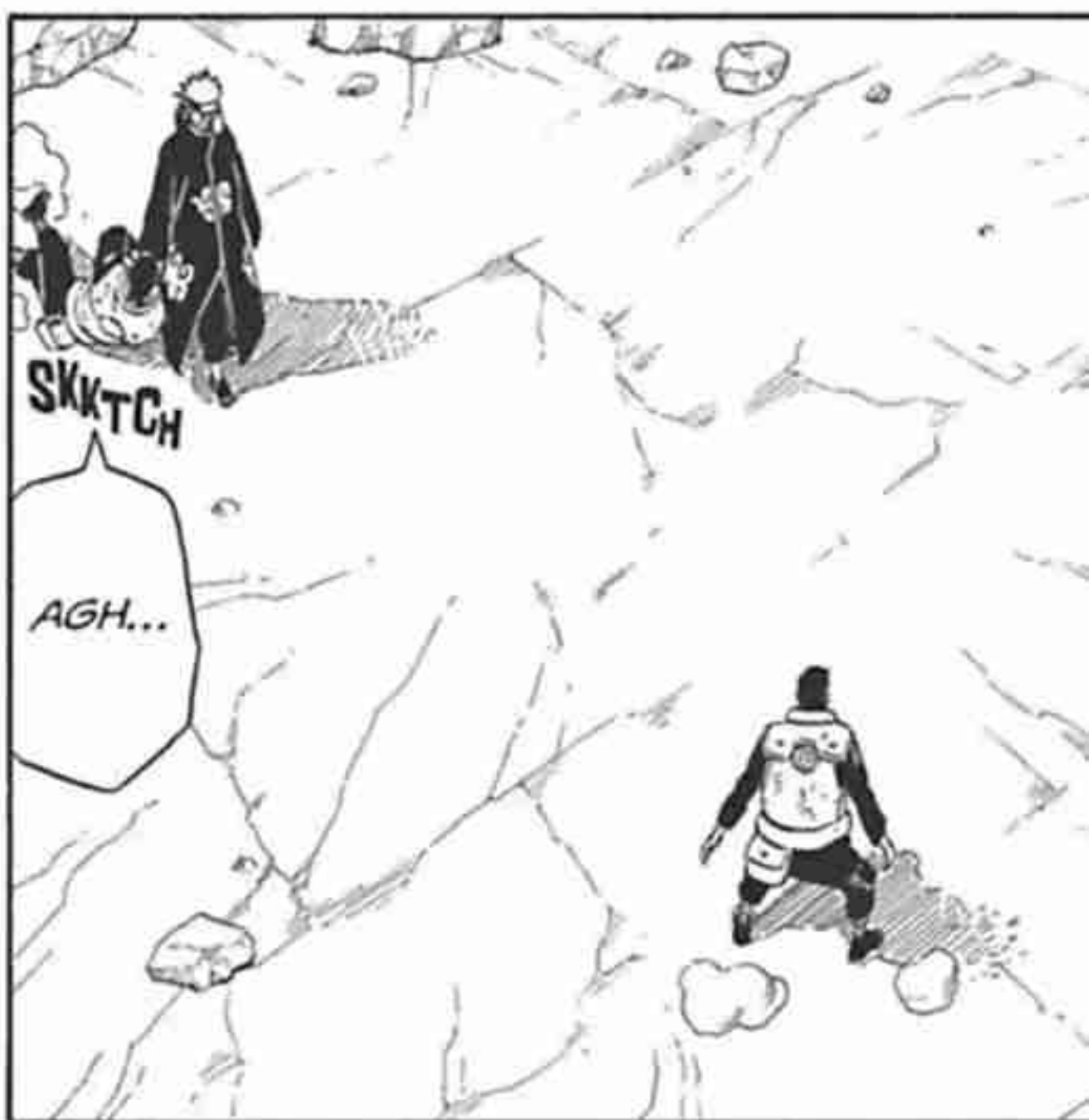


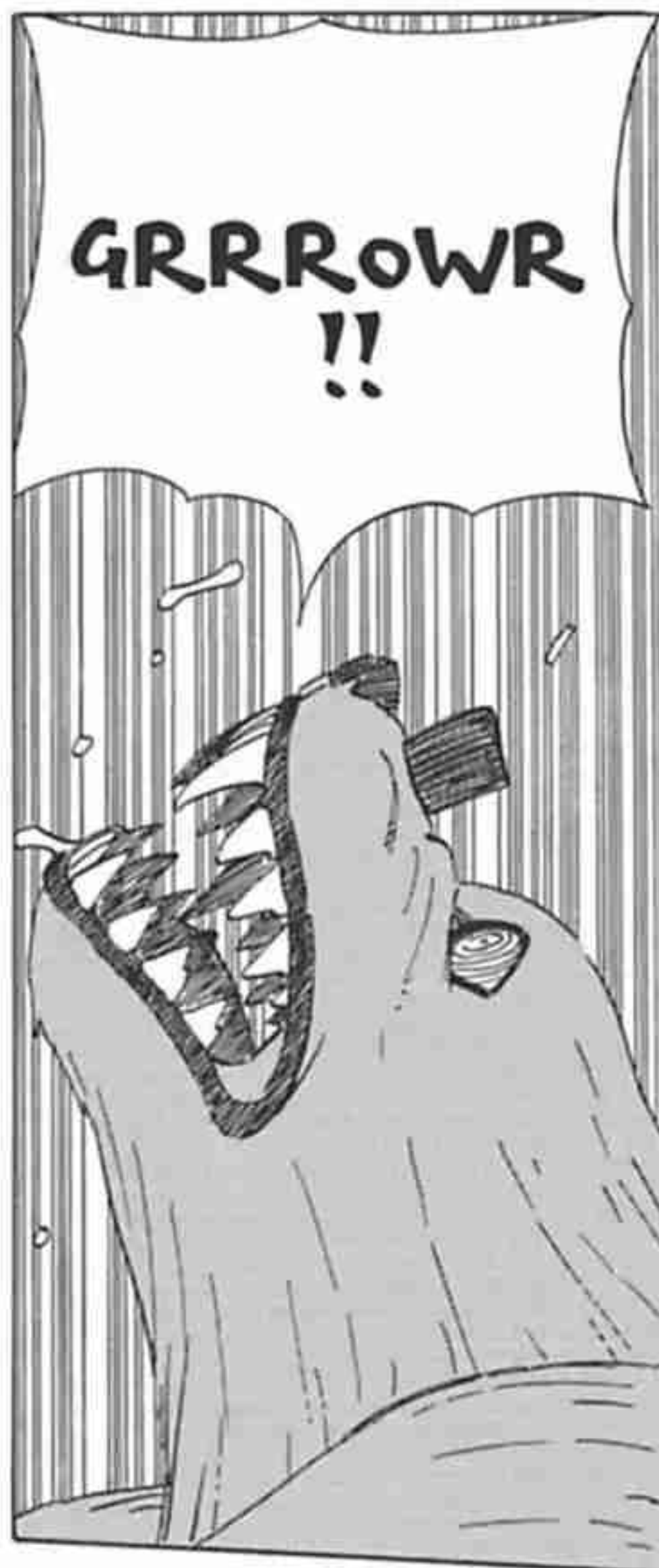




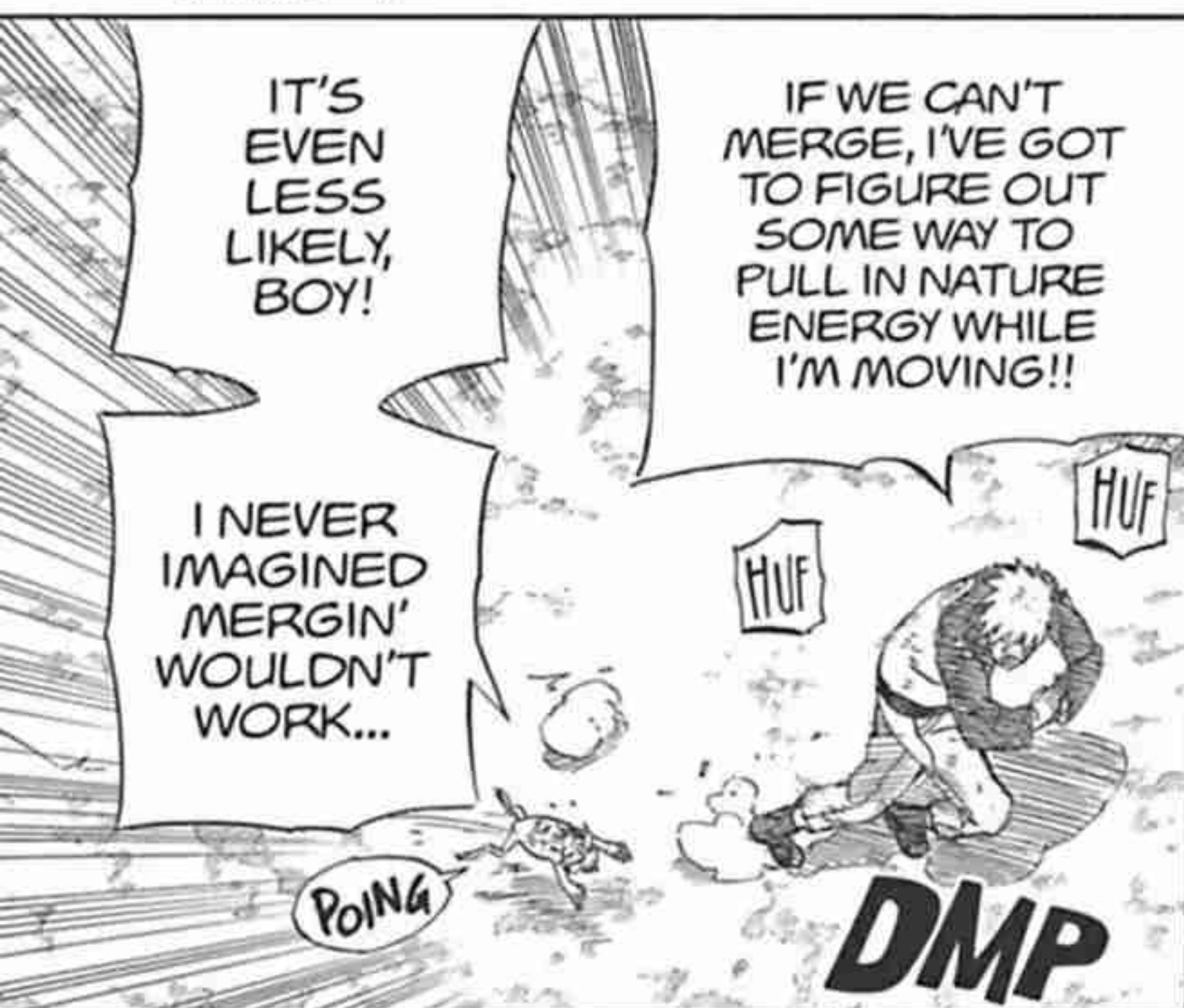


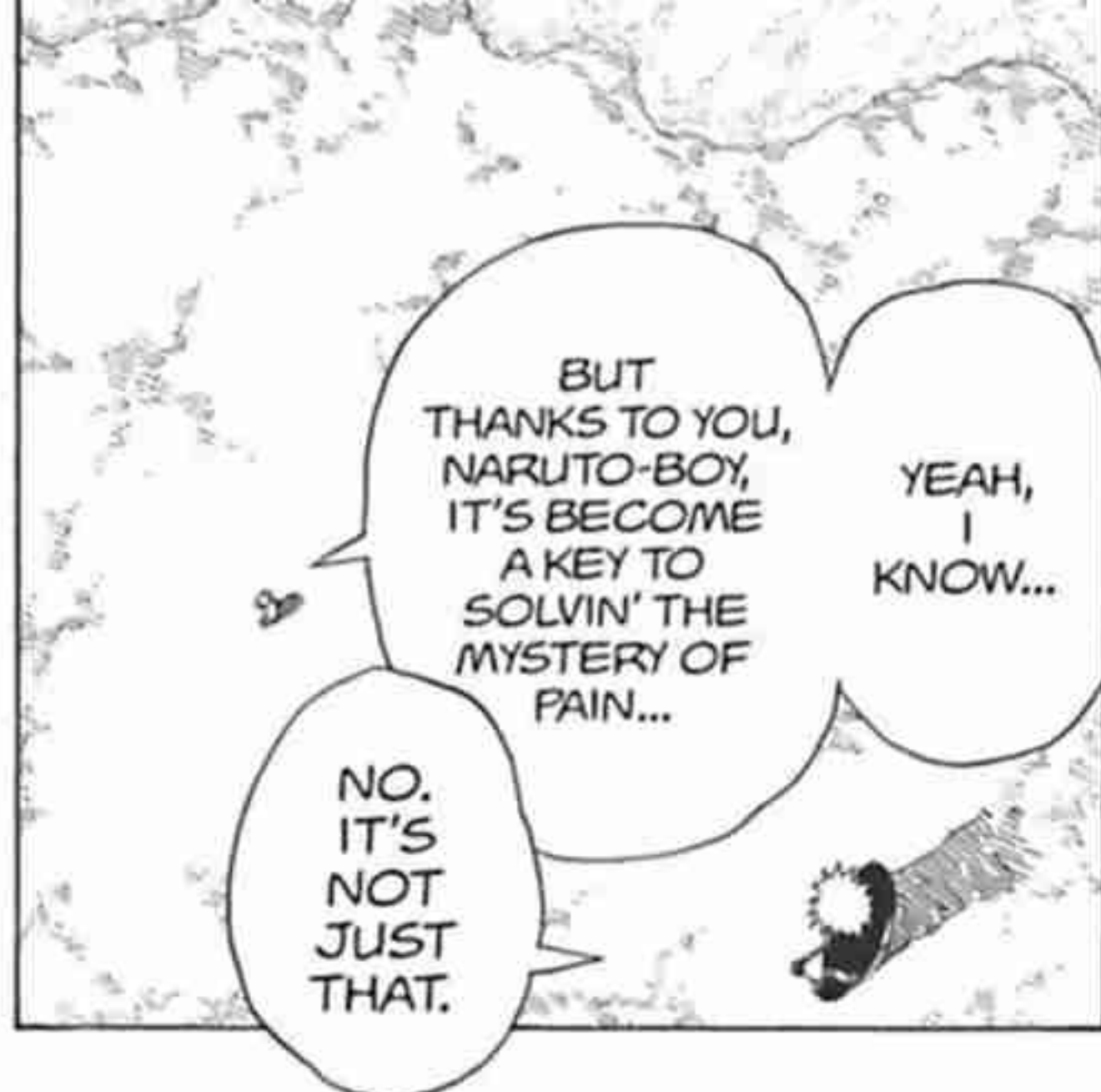




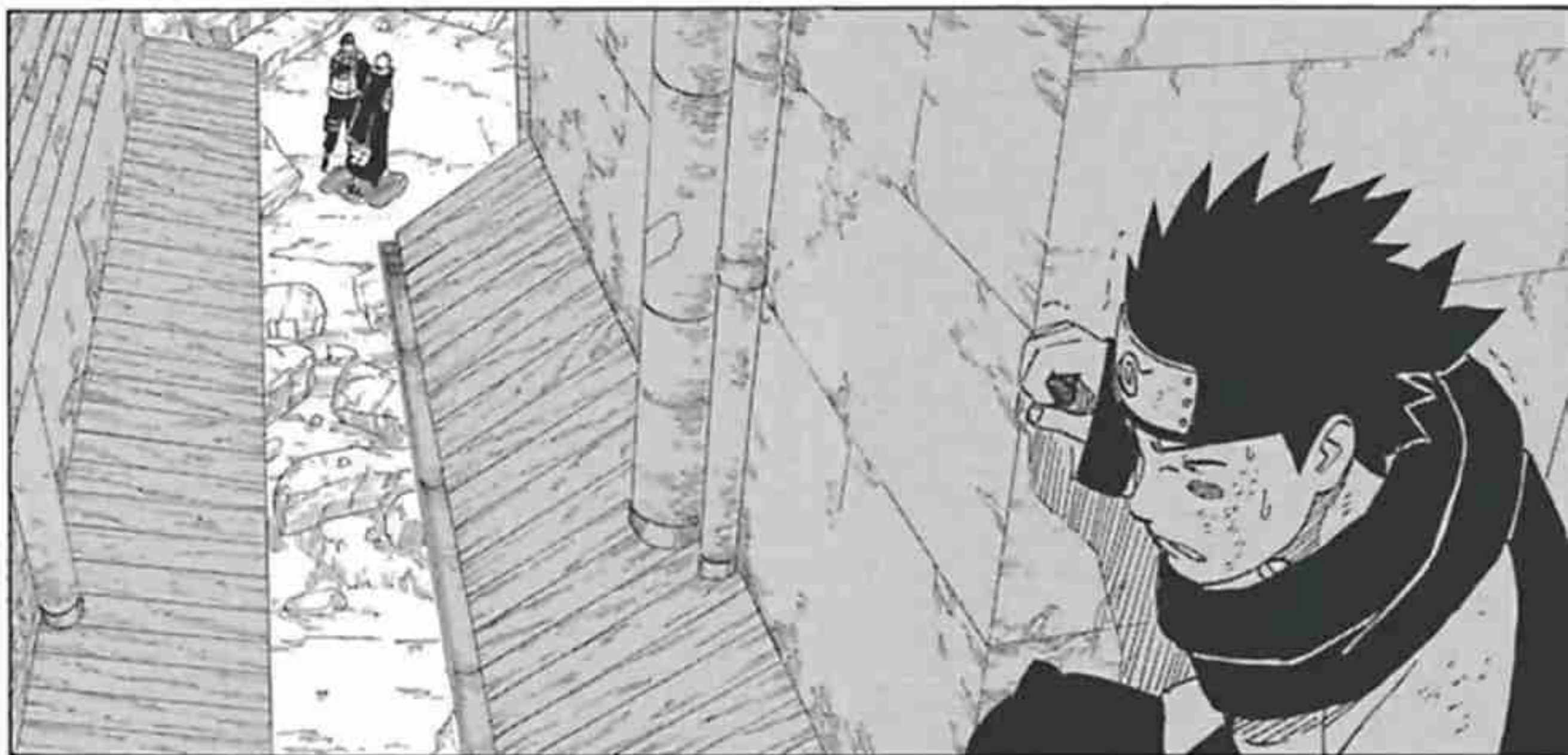














THE FOX KID SHOULDN'T BECOME A SHINOBI!!





...THANKS
TO LORD
JIRAIYA
AND
NARUTO!

I'M SO
GLAD.
THE FIFTH
HOKAGE
HAS BEEN
DECIDED!
NOW WE
CAN ALL
RELAX!

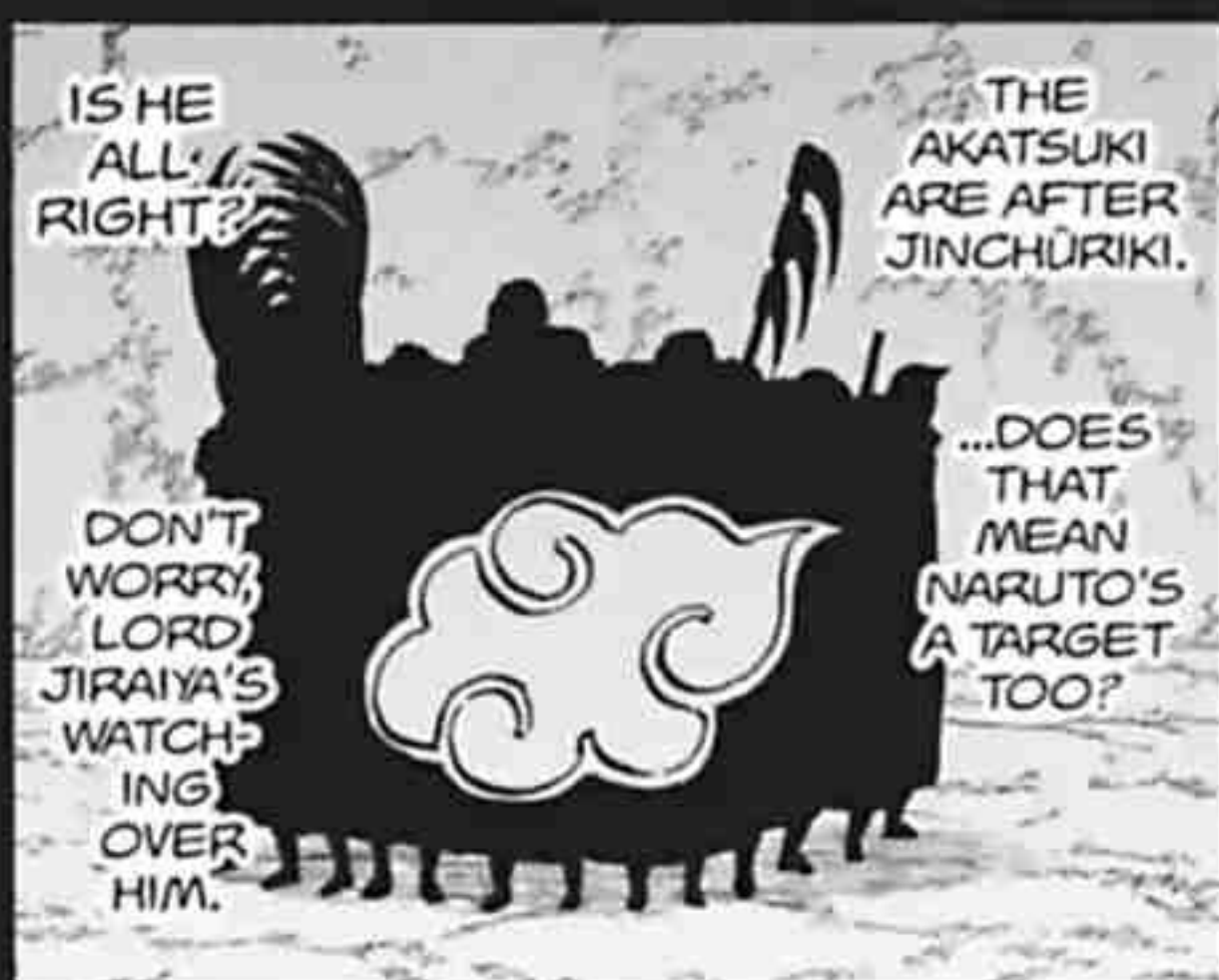
DID THEY
REALLY
BATTLE
OROCHI-
MARU?



WHO?

I HEARD
HE
DEFENDED
THE
VILLAGE
FROM THE
SAND
JINCHŪRIKI!

UZUMAKI
NARUTO...
YOU
KNOW,
THAT
NINE
TAILS...



IS HE
ALL
RIGHT?

THE
AKATSUKI
ARE AFTER
JINCHŪRIKI.

DON'T
WORRY,
LORD
JIRAIYA'S
WATCH-
ING
OVER
HIM.

...DOES
THAT
MEAN
NARUTO'S
A TARGET
TOO?



I HOPE
NARUTO'S
OKAY...

I HEARD HE
COULDN'T
BRING UCHIHA
SASUKE BACK...



IS
NARUTO
ALL
RIGHT?

THE
AKATSUKI
KILLED
JIRAIYA!

HOW
CAN WE
HELP?



CAN WE BE AT
PEACE NOW?

HEY, I HEARD
NARUTO
RESCUED THE
KAZEKAGE
FROM THE
AKATSUKI!



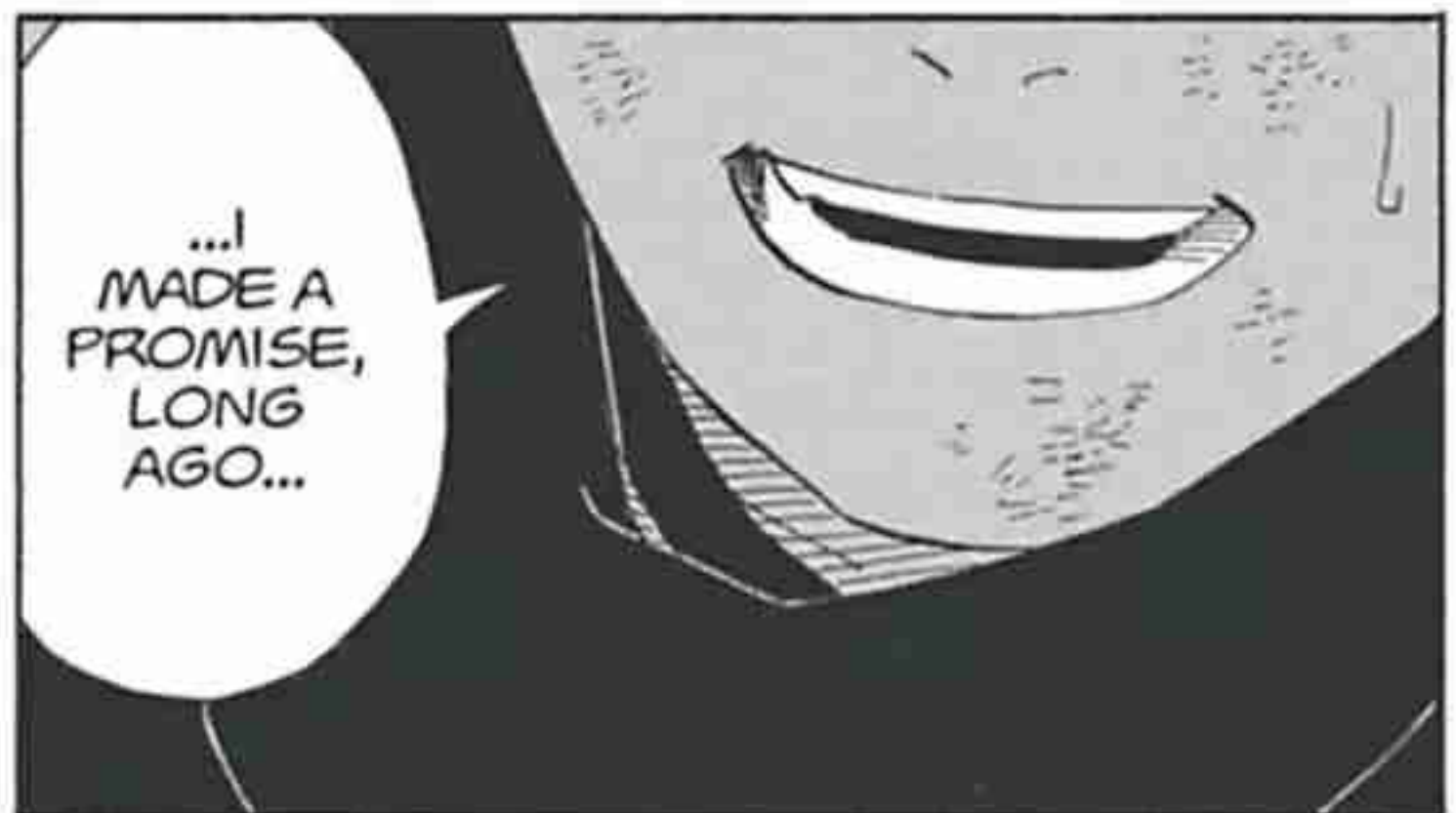




NARUTO



Number 427: Reunion





WE WILL
BE...
ARCH-
RIVALS!

FROM
THIS DAY
FOR-
WARD ...



YOU'LL
HAVE
TO GET
PAST ME
FIRST!

YOU DON'T
GET IT JUST
BECAUSE
YOU WANT
IT!



...LOOK
FORWARD
TO THAT
DAY...

ONE
DAY,
WE'LL
FIGHT
OVER
THE
NAME
HOKAGE.

...
KONOHA-
MARU!



...



...THAT
I'D FIGHT
HIM OVER
THE HOKAGE
TITLE ONE
DAY!

I PROMISED
BIG
BROTHER
NARUTO...



SO
I'M NOT
CHOOSING
AN
ESCAPE
ROUTE!!

BIG
BROTHER
IS MY
RIVAL!!

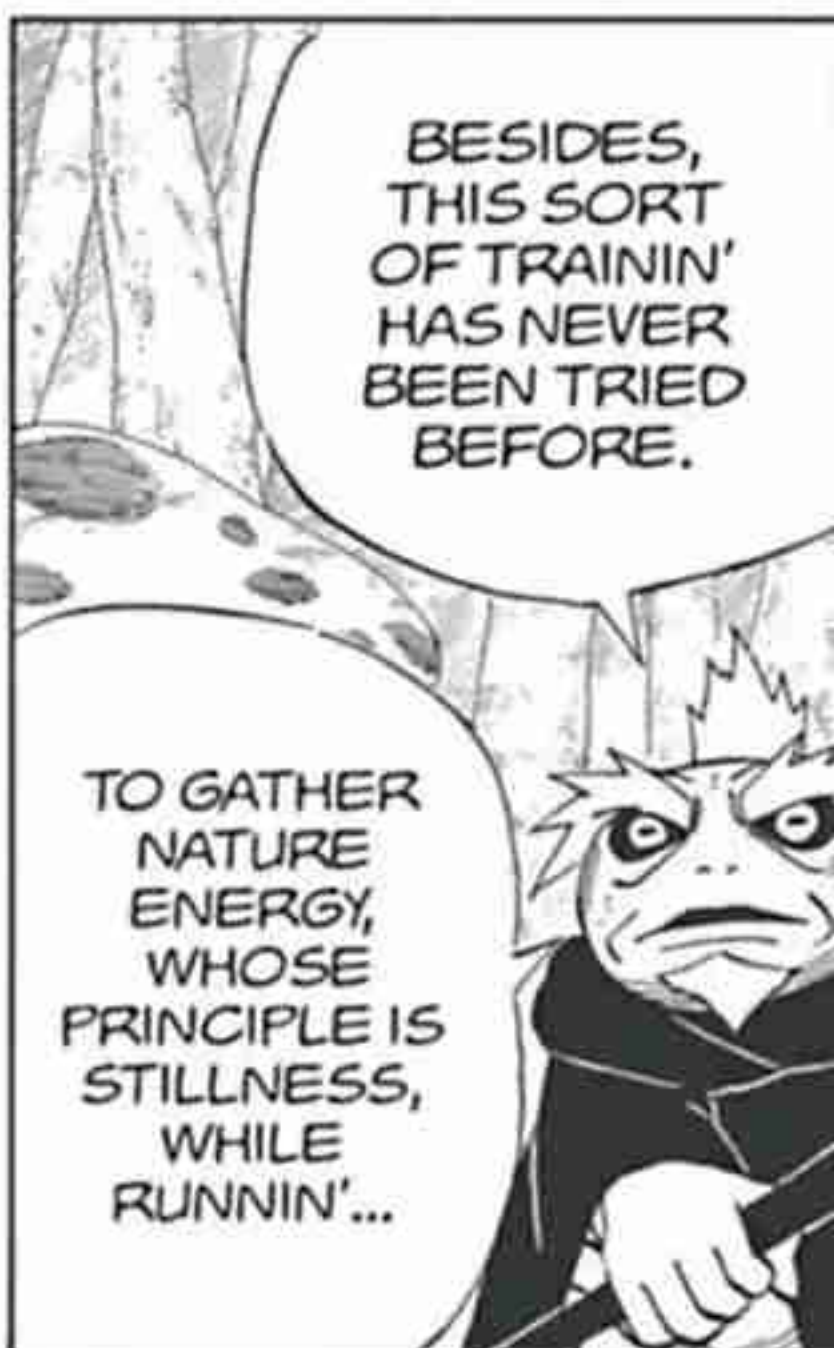


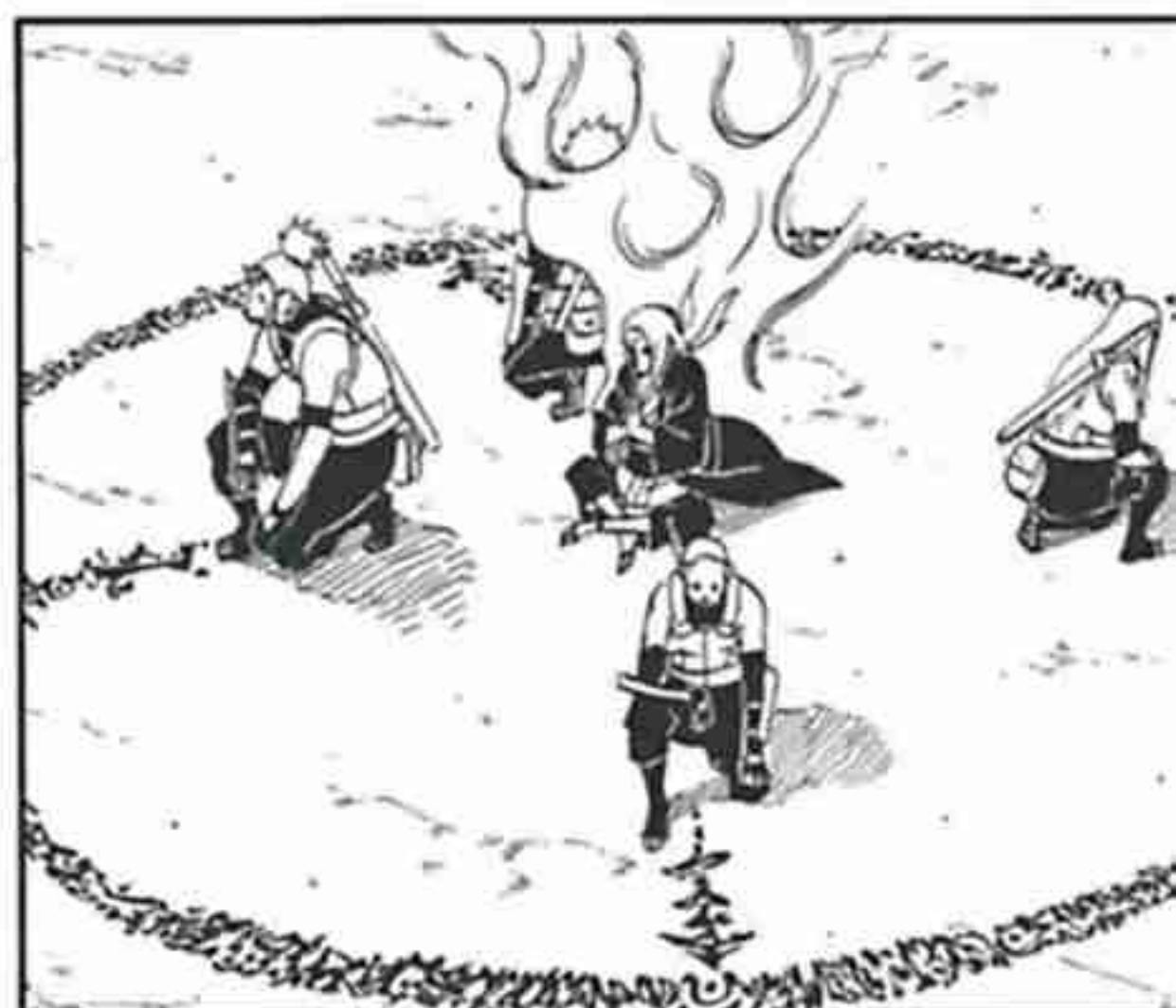
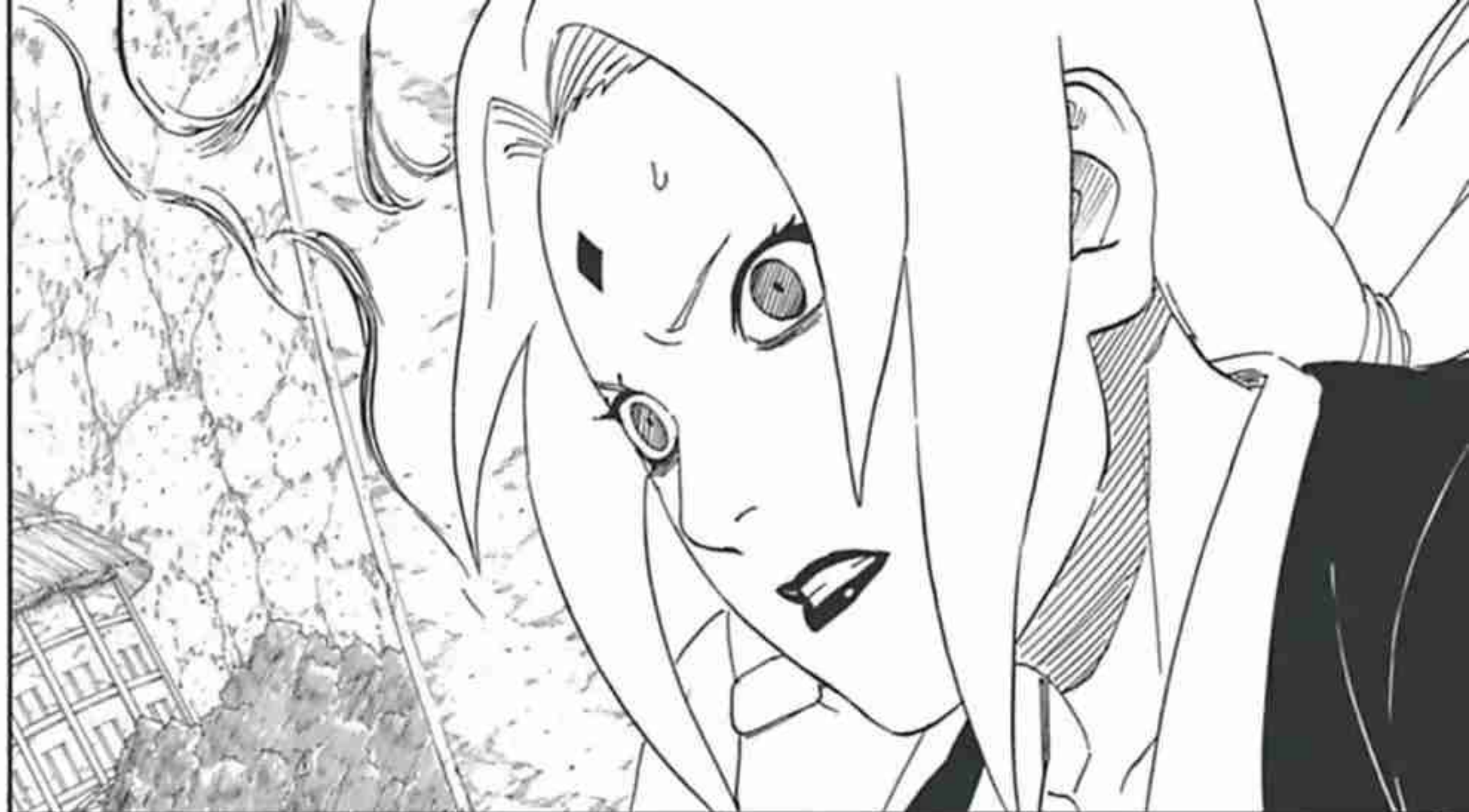
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NARUTO

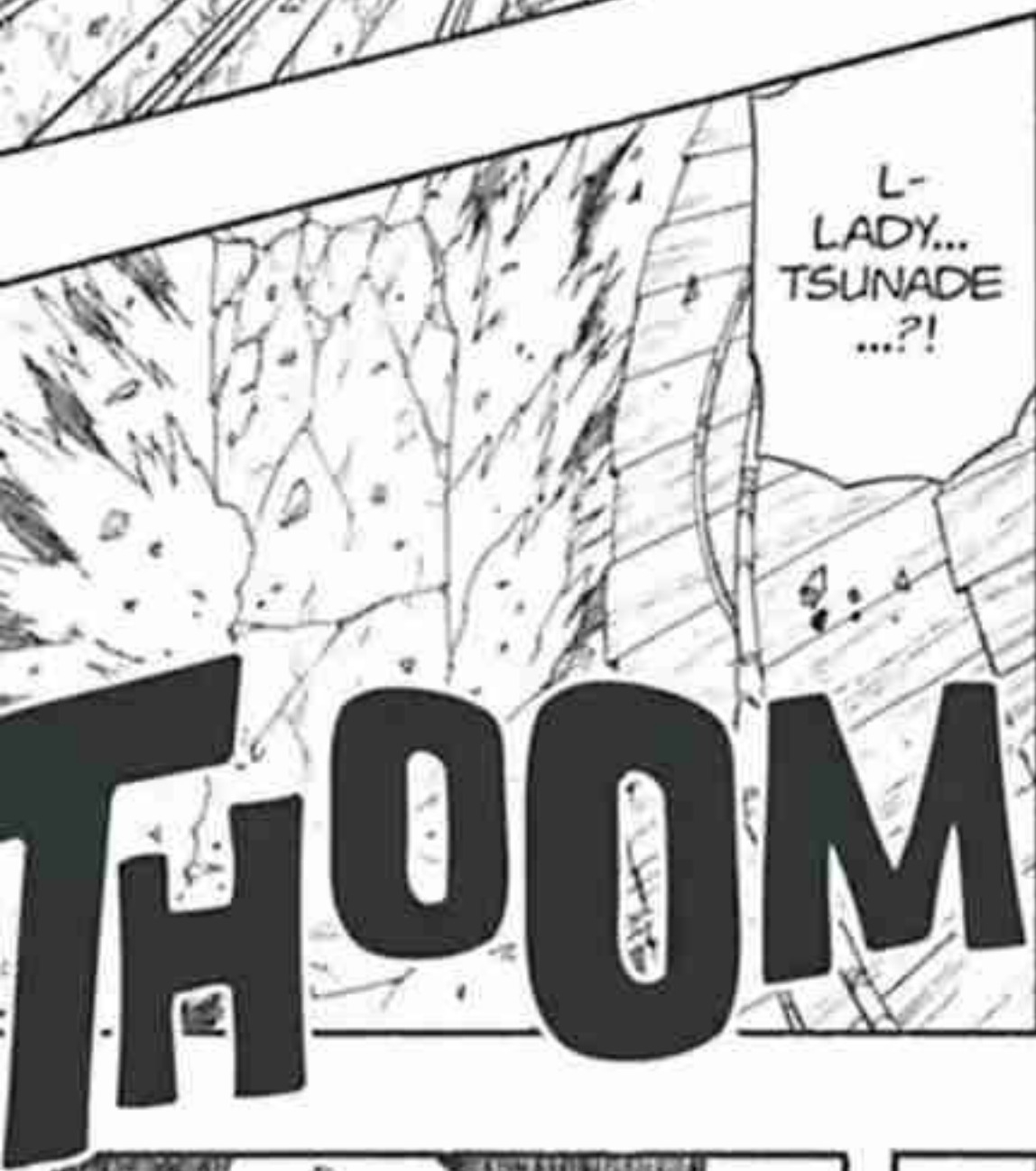
...

...WON'T
BE
WAITING
AT THE
END OF
THAT
SHORTER
PATH!!!











GO
ON...



WE'VE
FIGURED
OUT ONE
OF THE
ENEMY'S
PROFILES!

LADY
HOKAGE!

WUMP



AND HE
CAN REPEL
ALL
NINJUTSU
ATTACKS!

HE CAN
ATTRACT
TARGETED
OBJECTS
TO
HIMSELF.



DISTIN-
GUISHING
FEATURES
ARE SIX NOSE
PIERCINGS
AND SEVEN
STUDS IN
EACH EAR.

ABILITY-WISE,
HE USES JUTSU
THAT SIMULATE
MAGNETIC
ATTRACTION
AND
REPULSION!

MALE,
APPEARS
TO BE
BETWEEN
25 AND
30...



ONLY
FIVE
SECONDS,
HUH...



YES!

REPEL
ALL
ATTACKS
?

HOWEVER,
ONCE HE USES
EITHER JUTSU,
THERE IS A FIVE-
SECOND
INTERVAL IN
WHICH HE
CAN'T UTILIZE
ANOTHER
JUTSU!

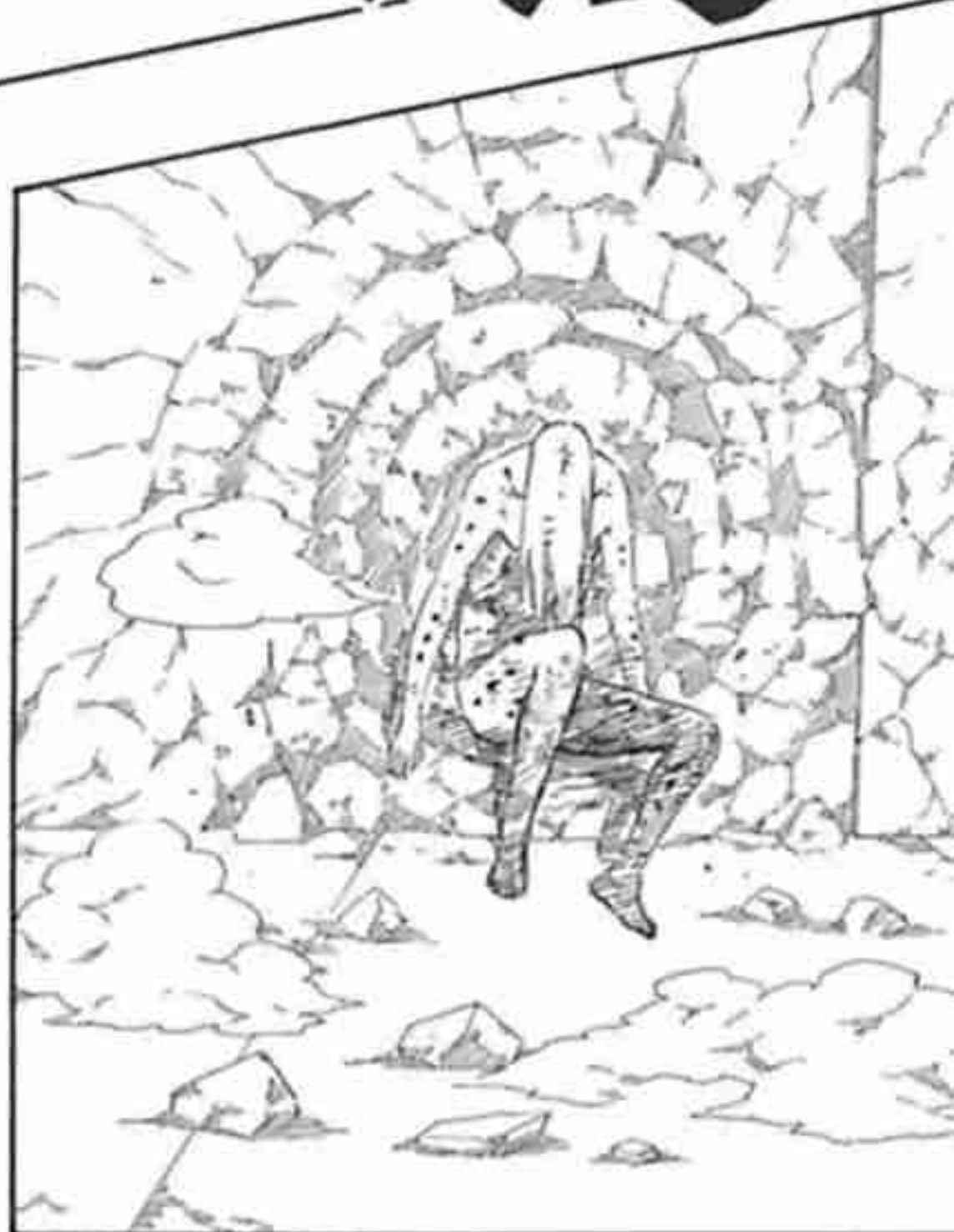




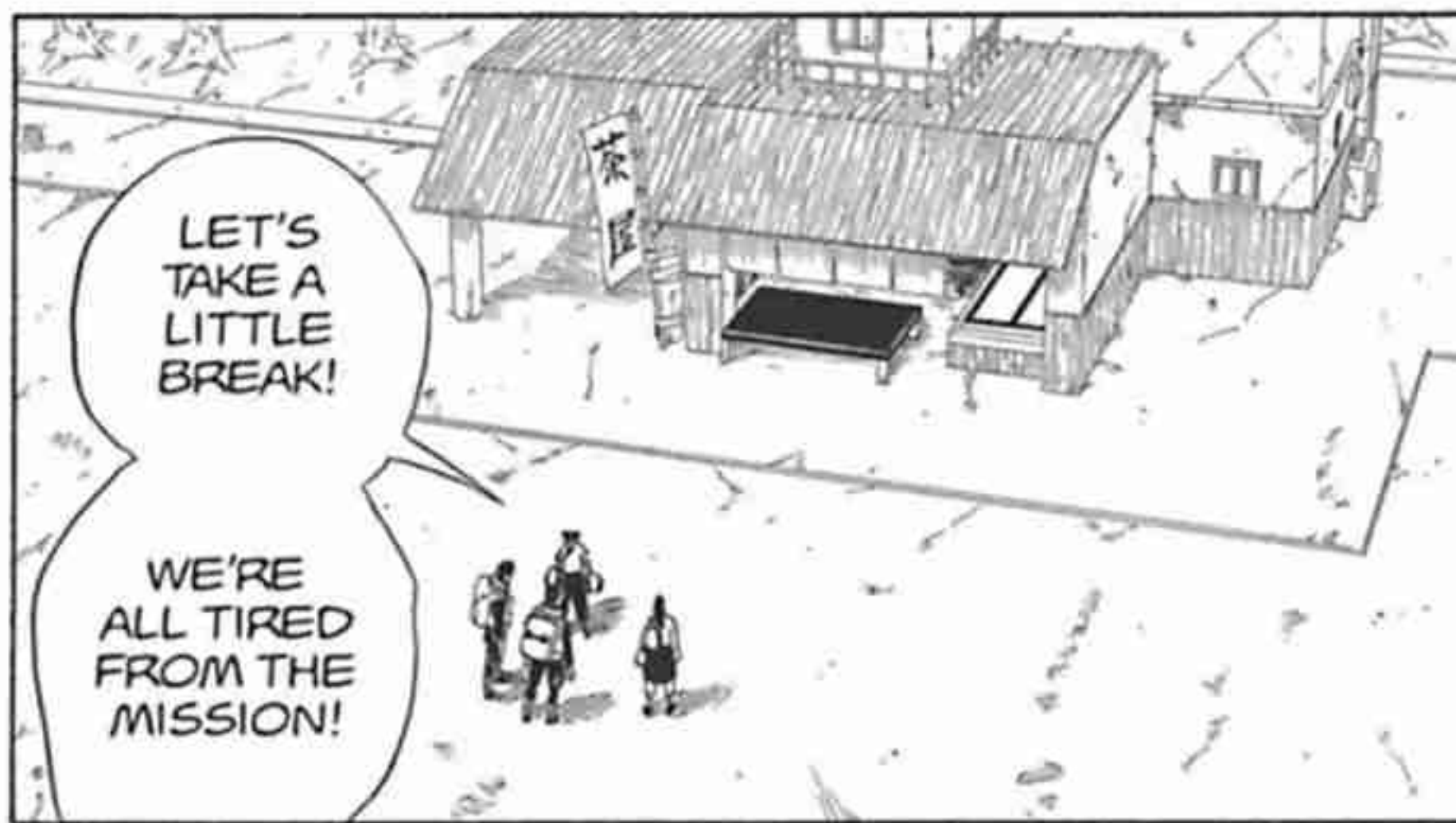
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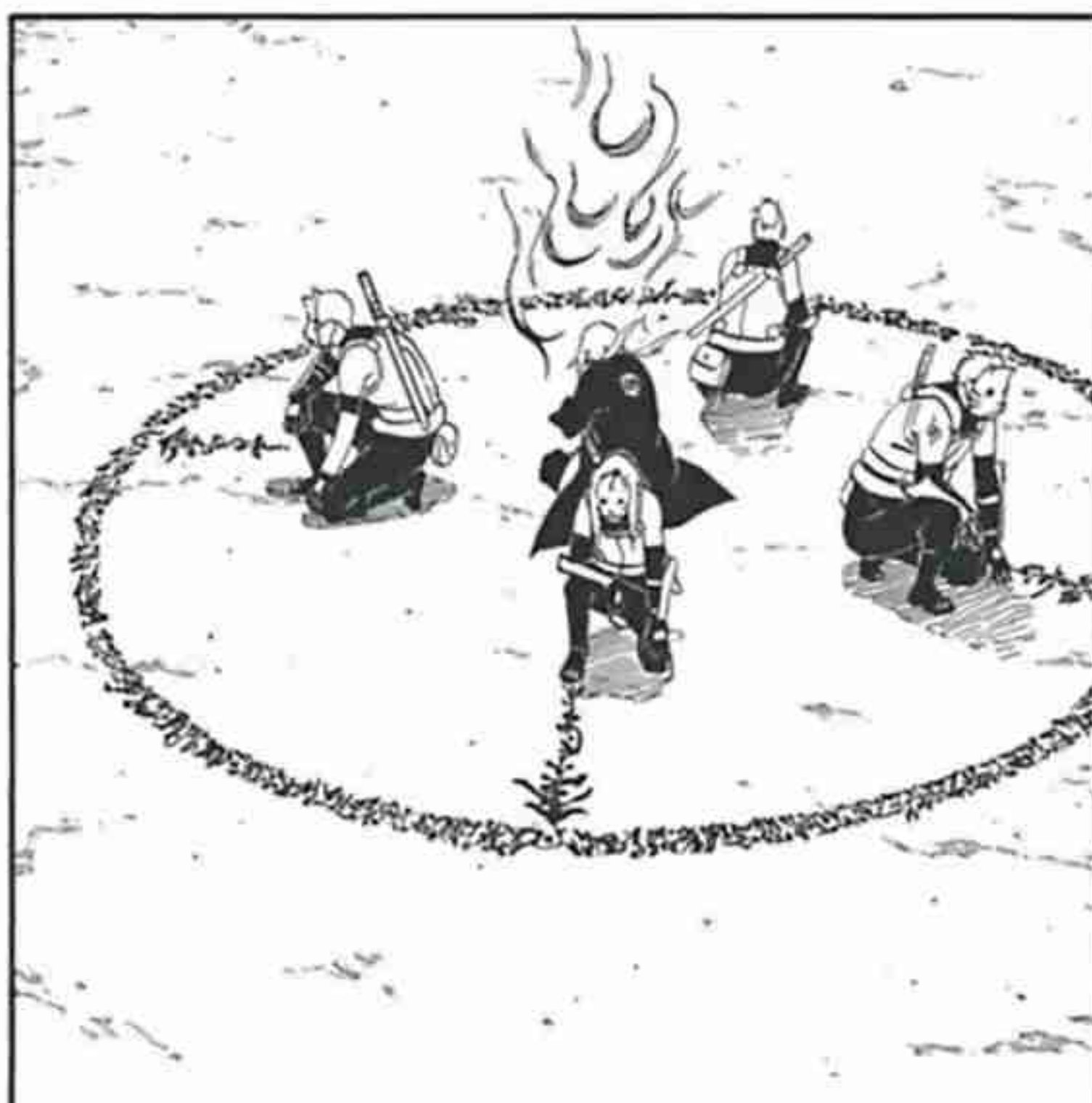


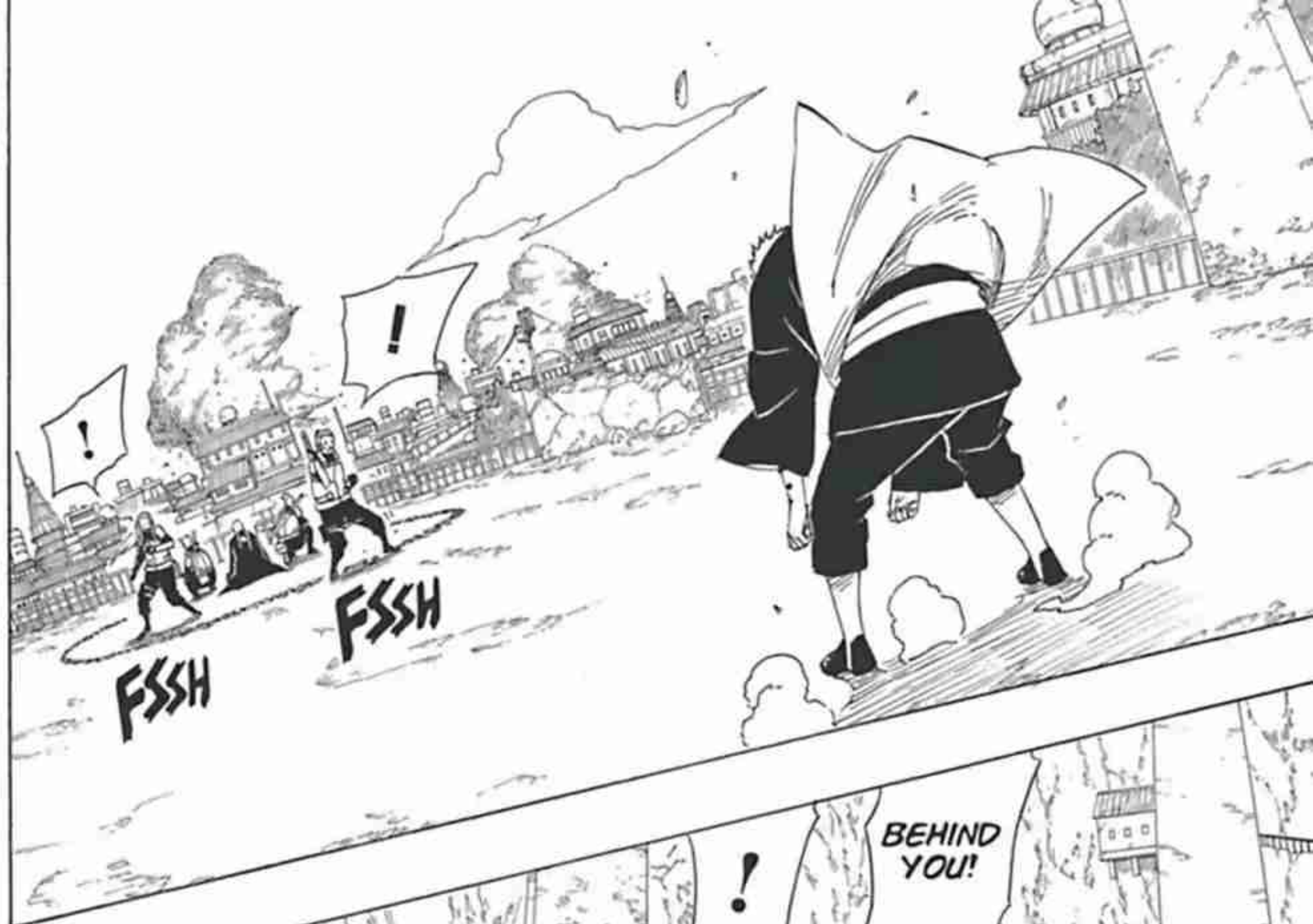


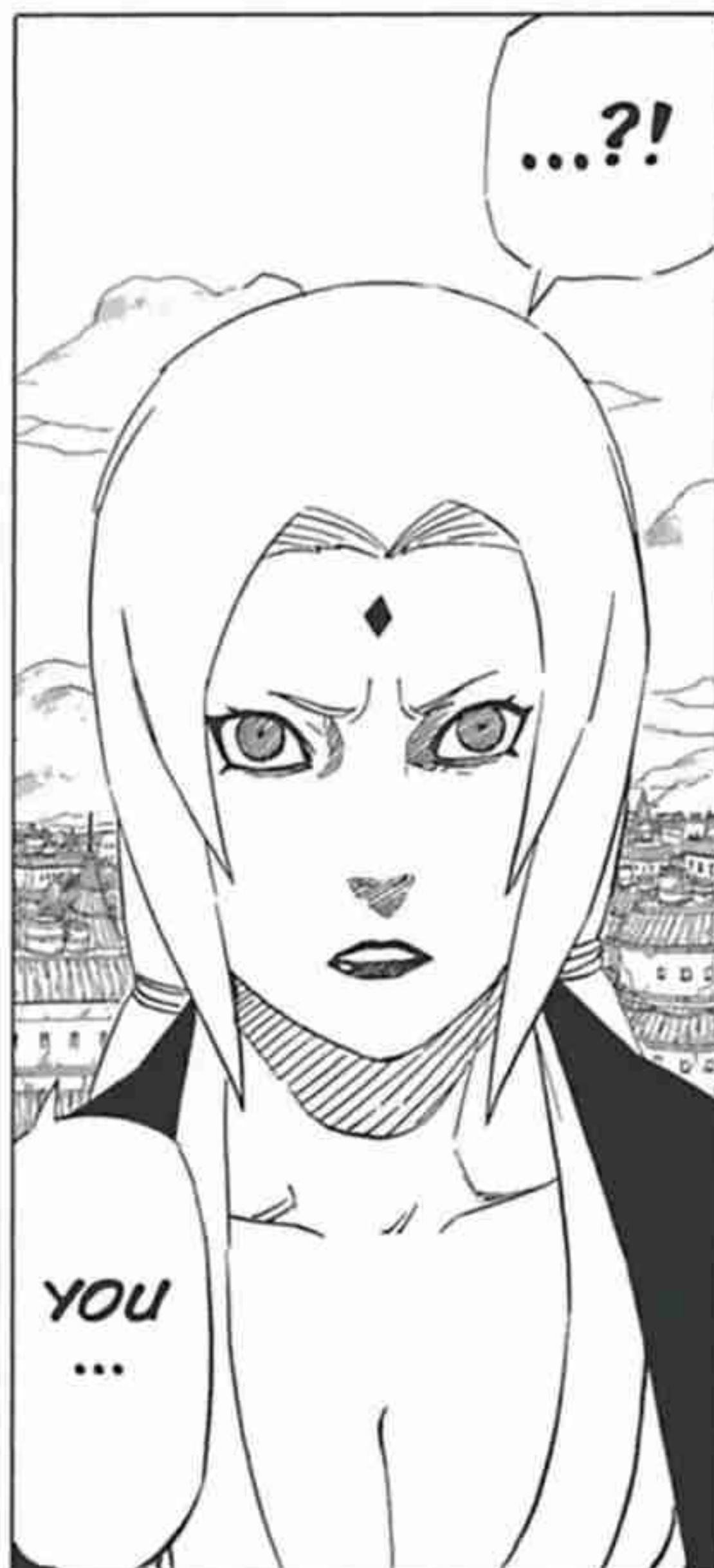
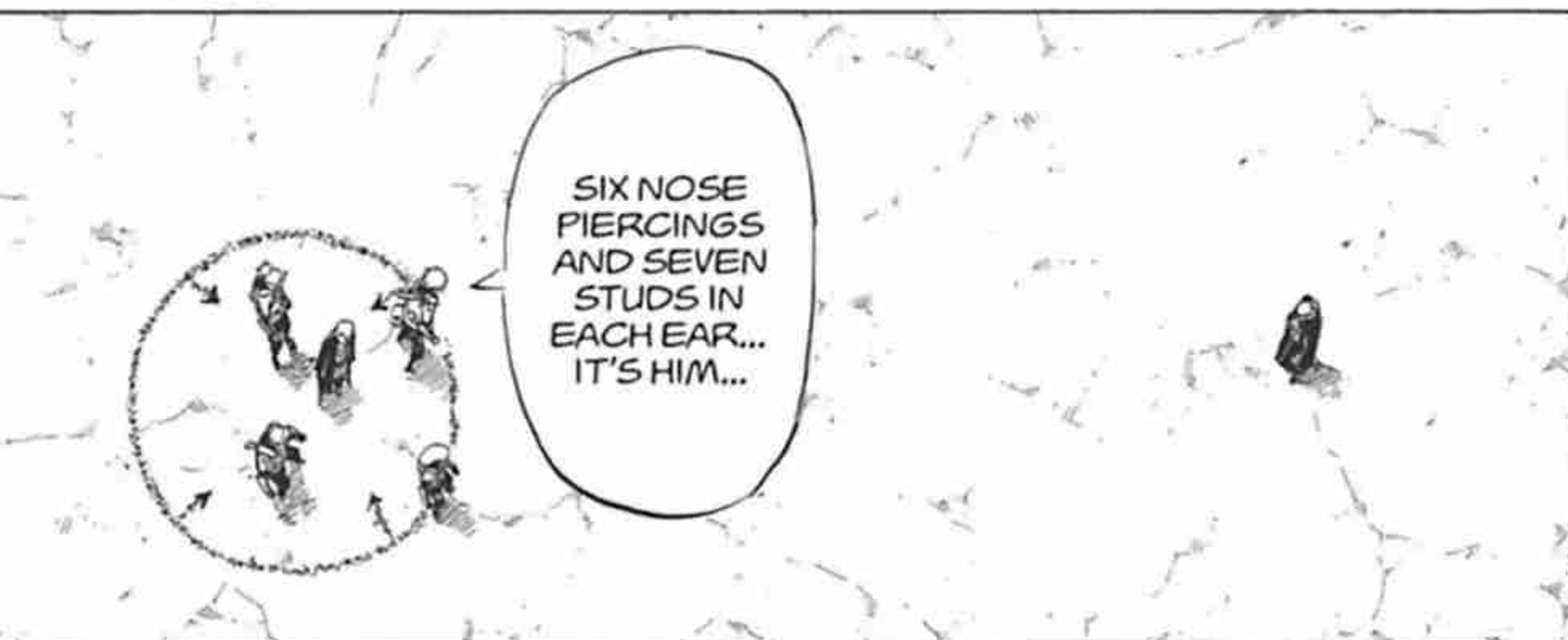












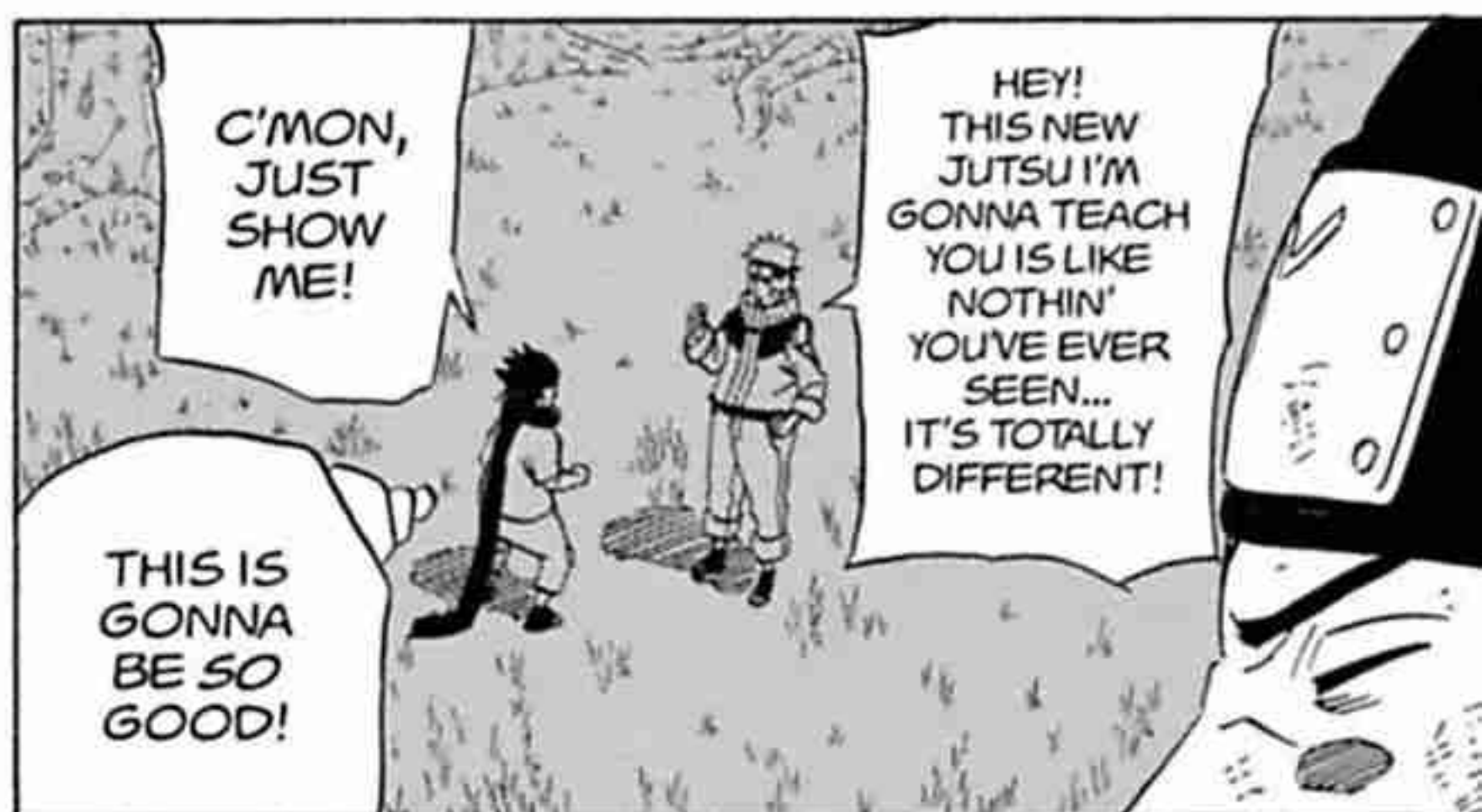


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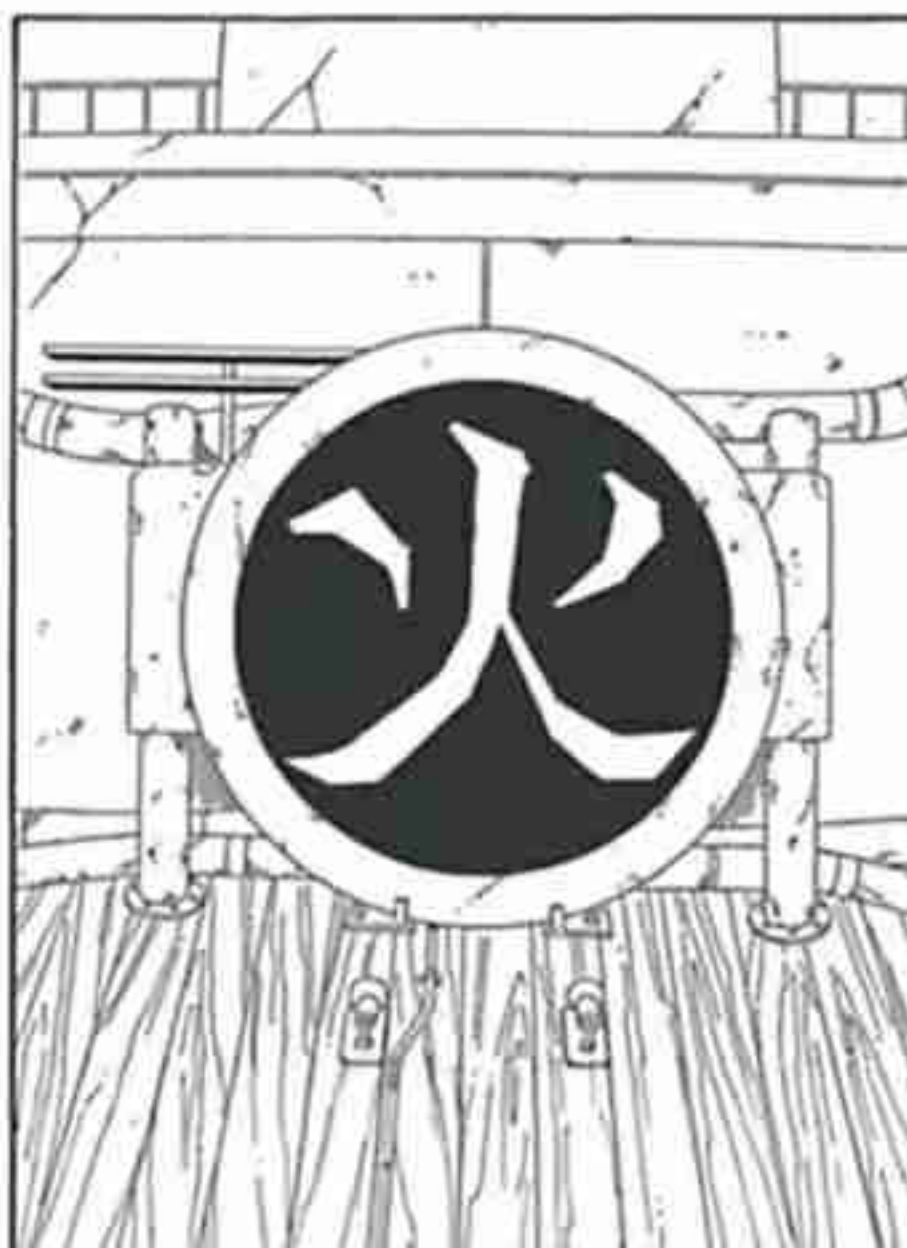




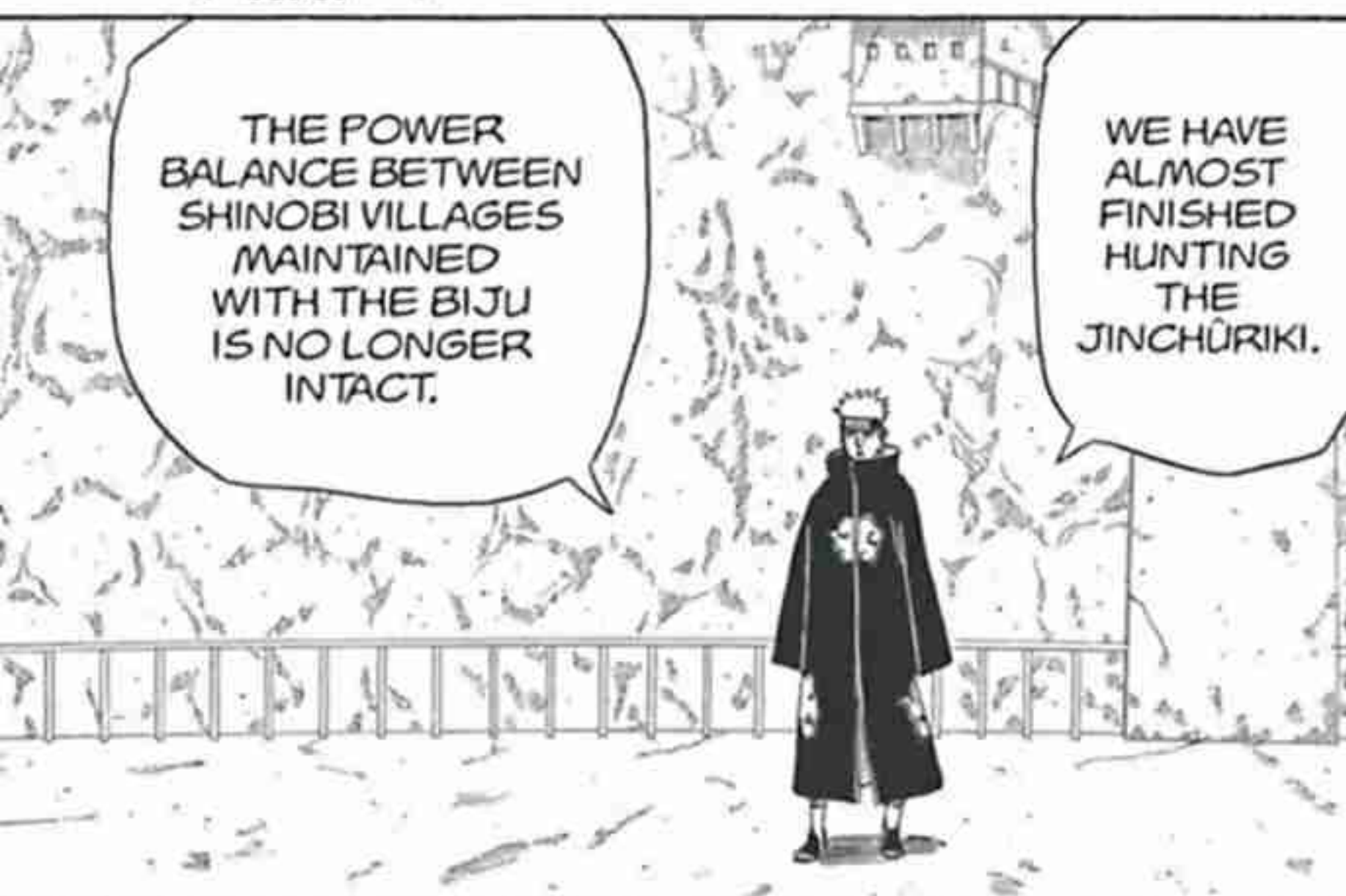




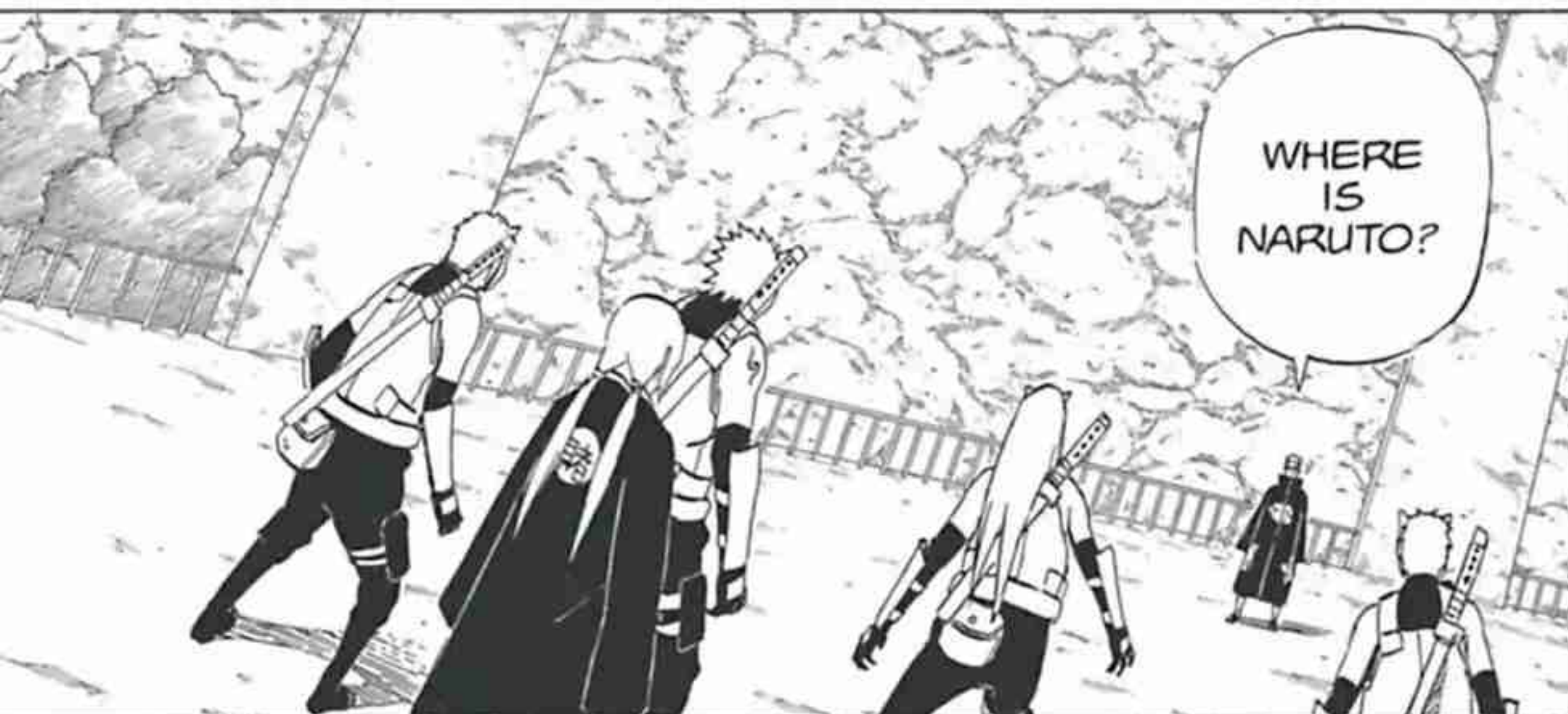
**RASEN-
GAN!!!**







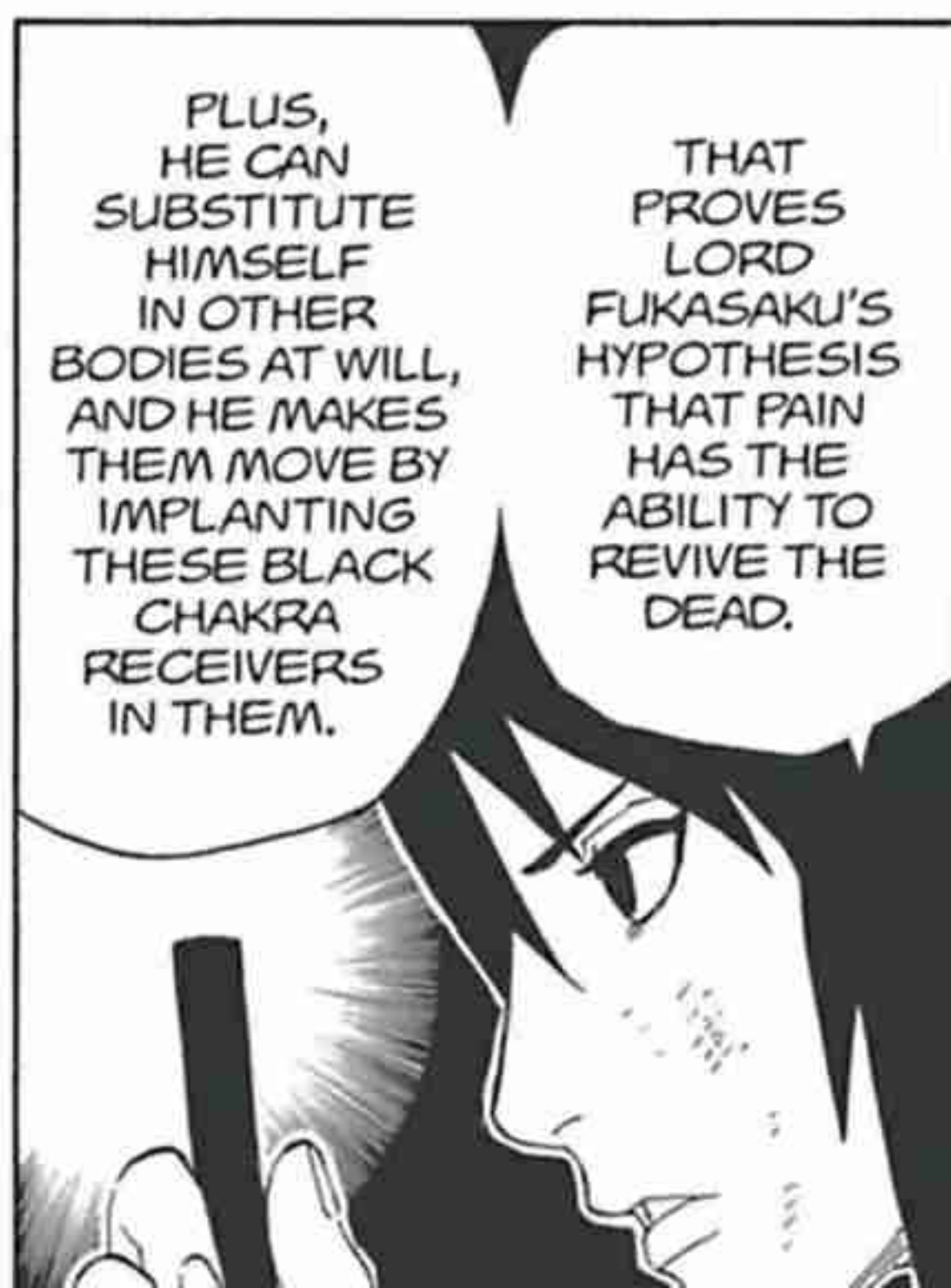


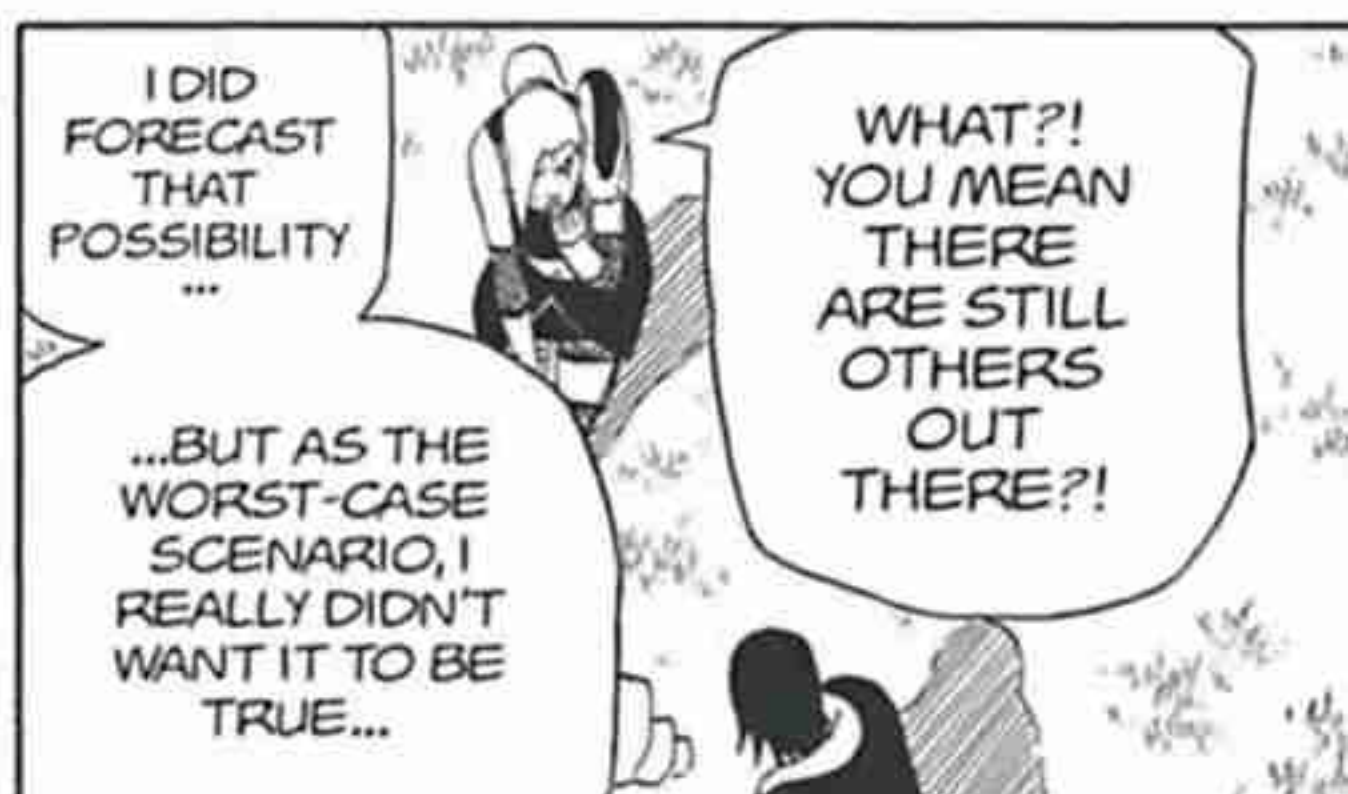
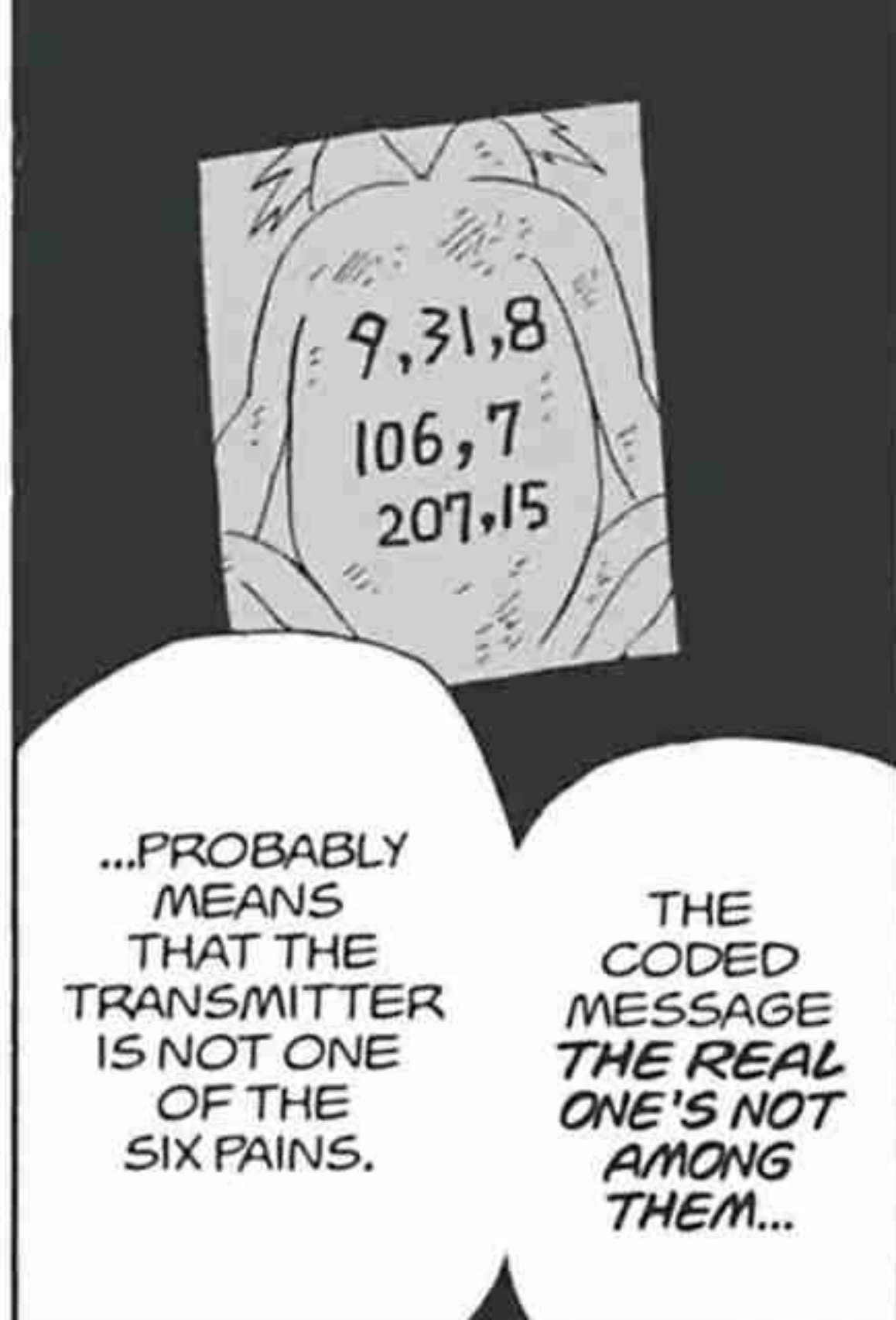




...
**STRONGER
THAN
YOU
KNOW.**

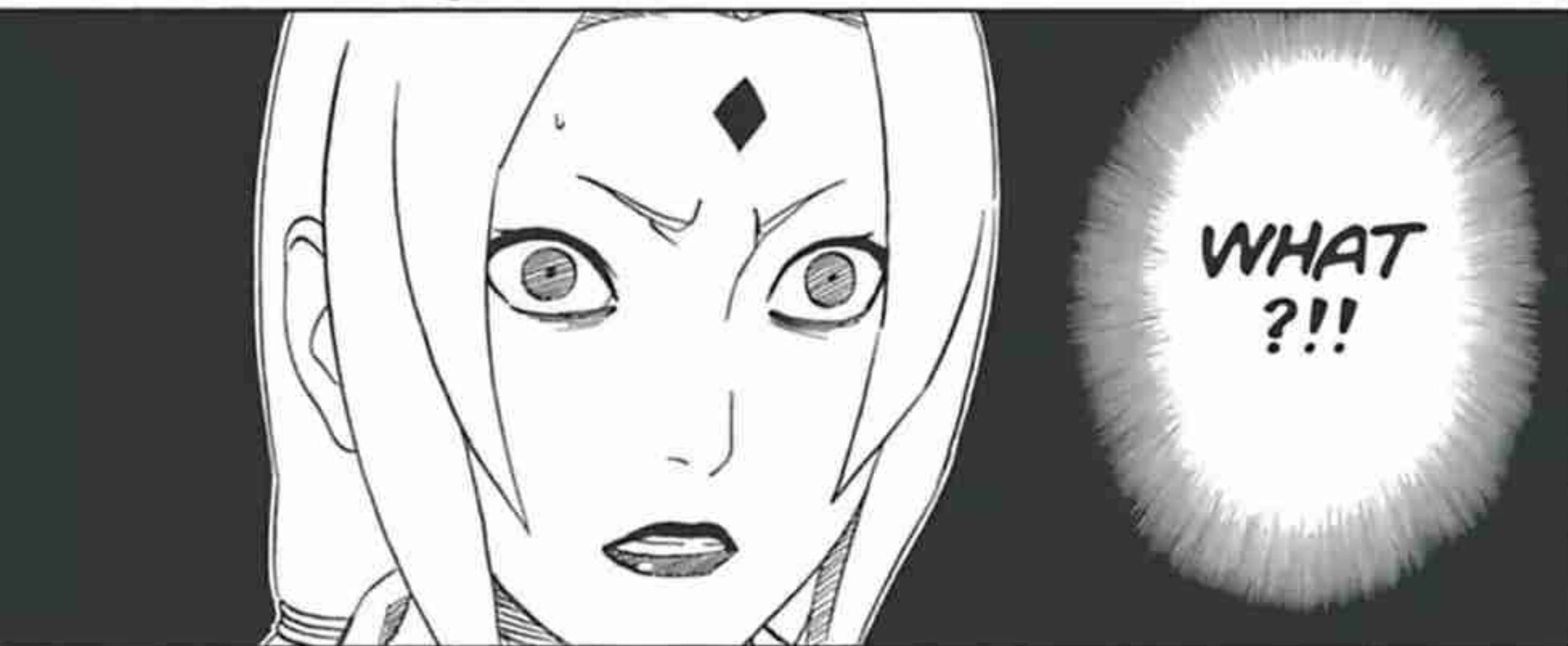
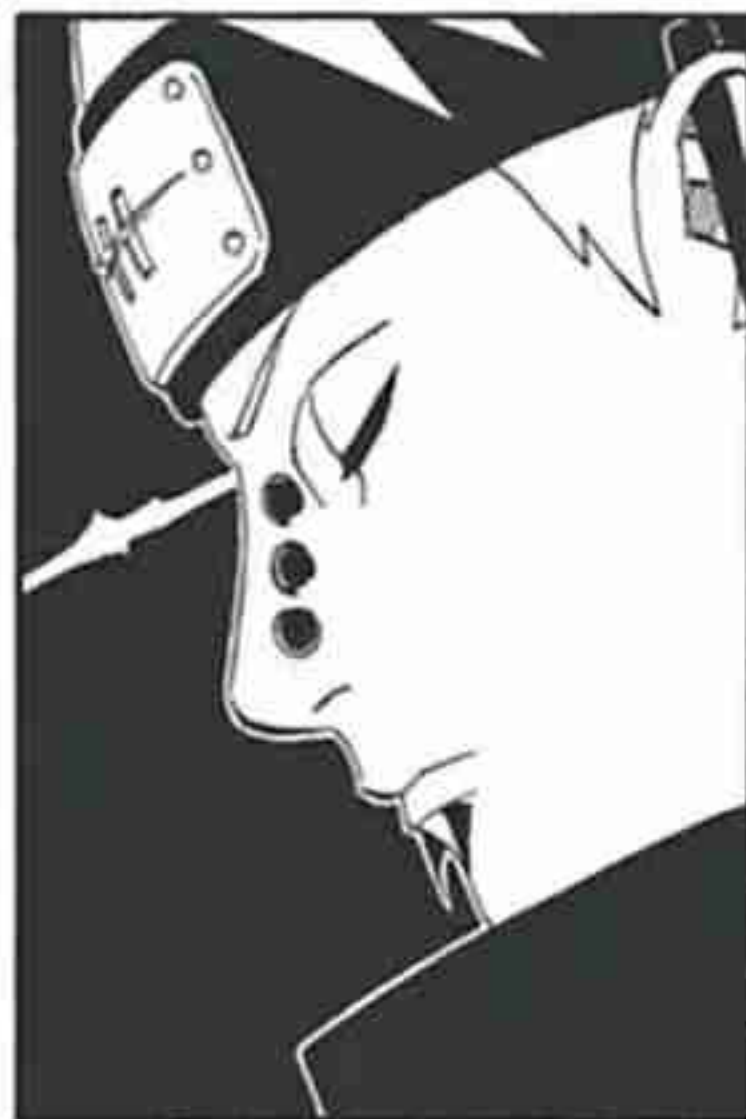
**NARUTO
IS...**







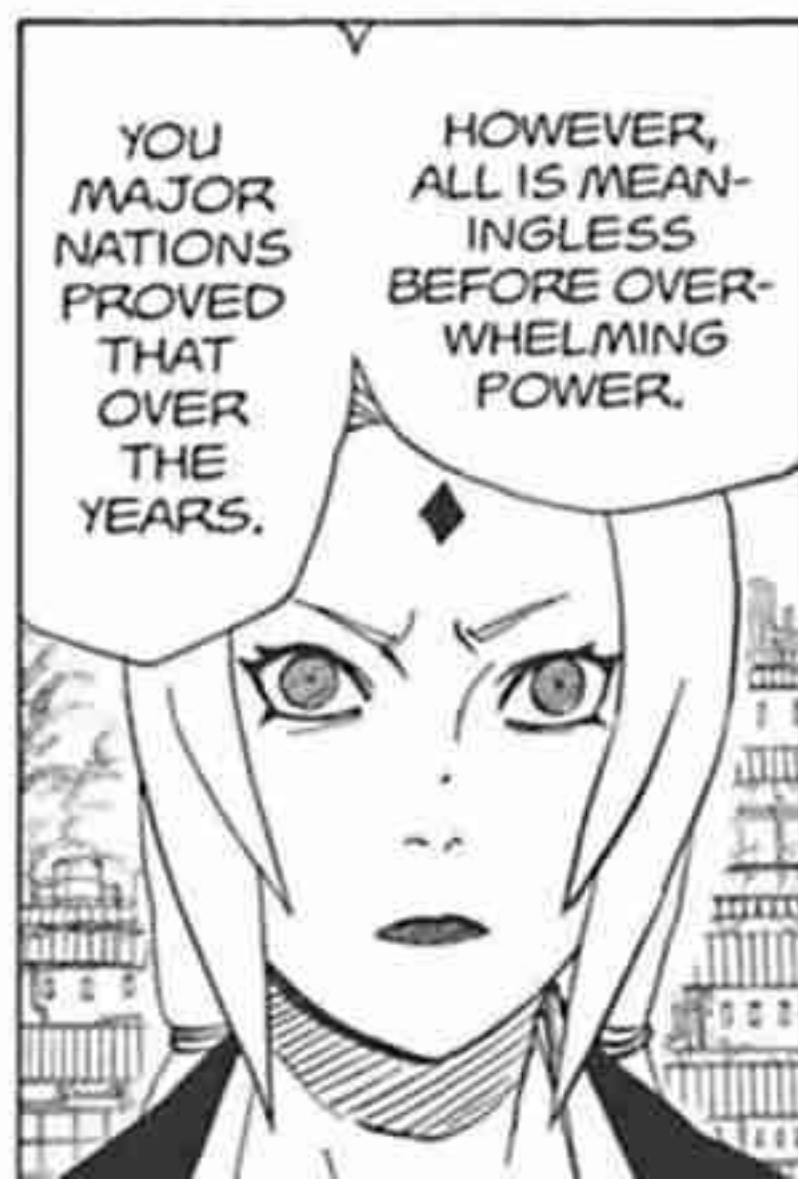




NARUTO



Number 429: Know Pain





IF YOU
KILL,
YOU
SHALL
BE
KILLED.



LULLED
BY PEACE,
YOU
BECOME
SHALLOW.

...THINK
OF YOUR-
SELVES AS
THE MAIN
FORCES
OF THIS
WORLD...

...AND PUSH
DEATH
OUT OF
YOUR
THOUGHTS.

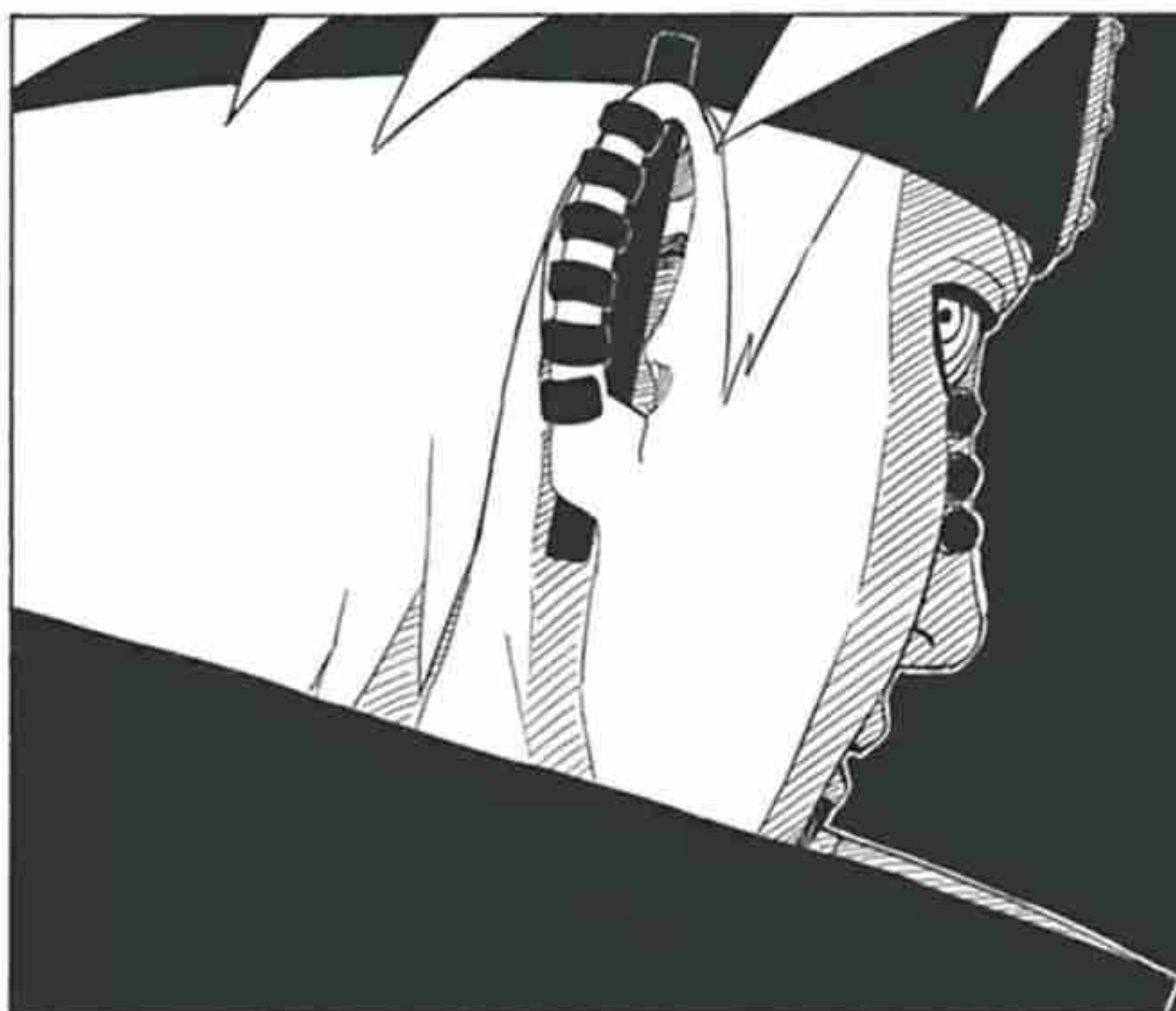


QUIT
BABBLING
SUCH
NONSENSE
...

...



...HATRED
CONNECTS
THE
TWO.



IN
BATTLE
...

...BOTH
SIDES
SUFFER
DEATH,
INJURY,
AND PAIN.



HOW
DARE
YOU LAY
FALSE
CHARGES
AND
MAKE
UNWAR-
RANTED
ATTACKS!



WE MAJOR
NATIONS
HAVE
SUFFERED
OUR SHARE
OF PAIN!



ACCEPT
PAIN.

CONTEM-
PLATE
PAIN.

FEEL
PAIN.

KNOW
PAIN.

Imp



HOW
ABSURD
...



?!

THOSE
WHO DO
NOT KNOW
PAIN WILL
NEVER
UNDERSTAND
TRUE
PEACE.



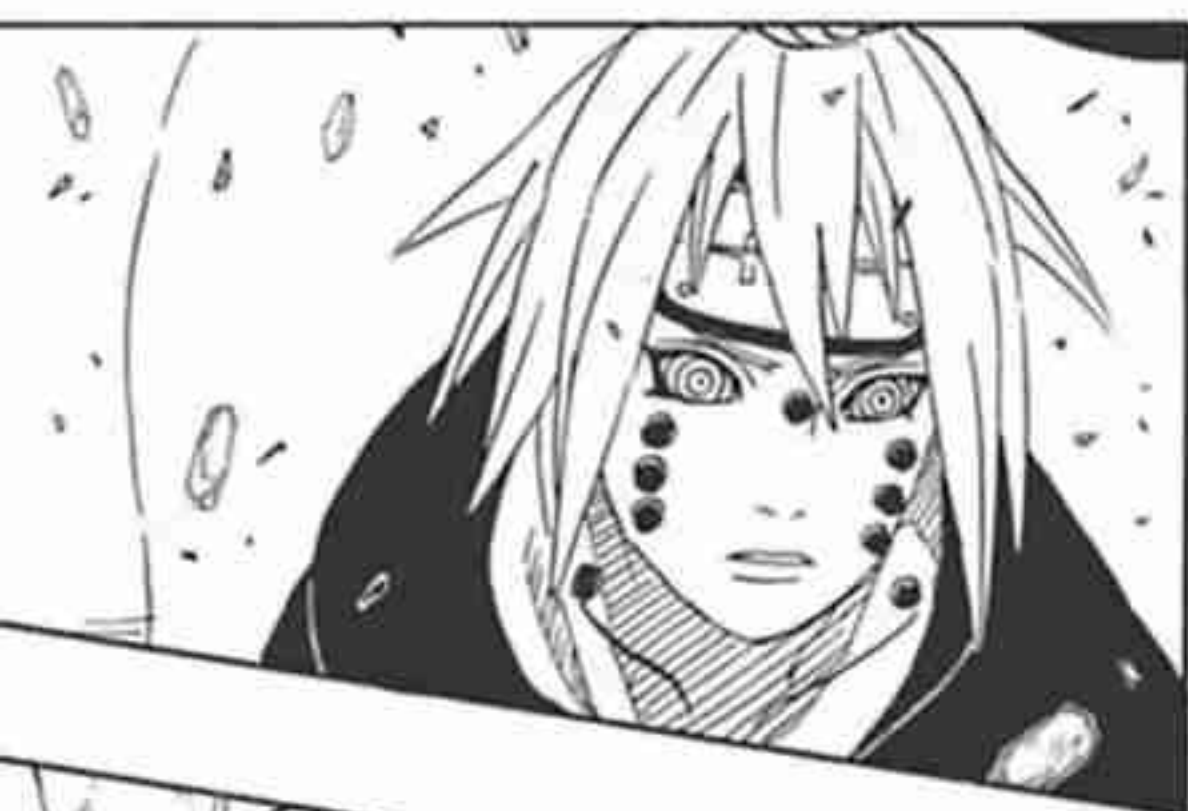
HE'S
STILL
PLANNING
SOME-
THING?!

!



(KONOHA HOSPITAL)







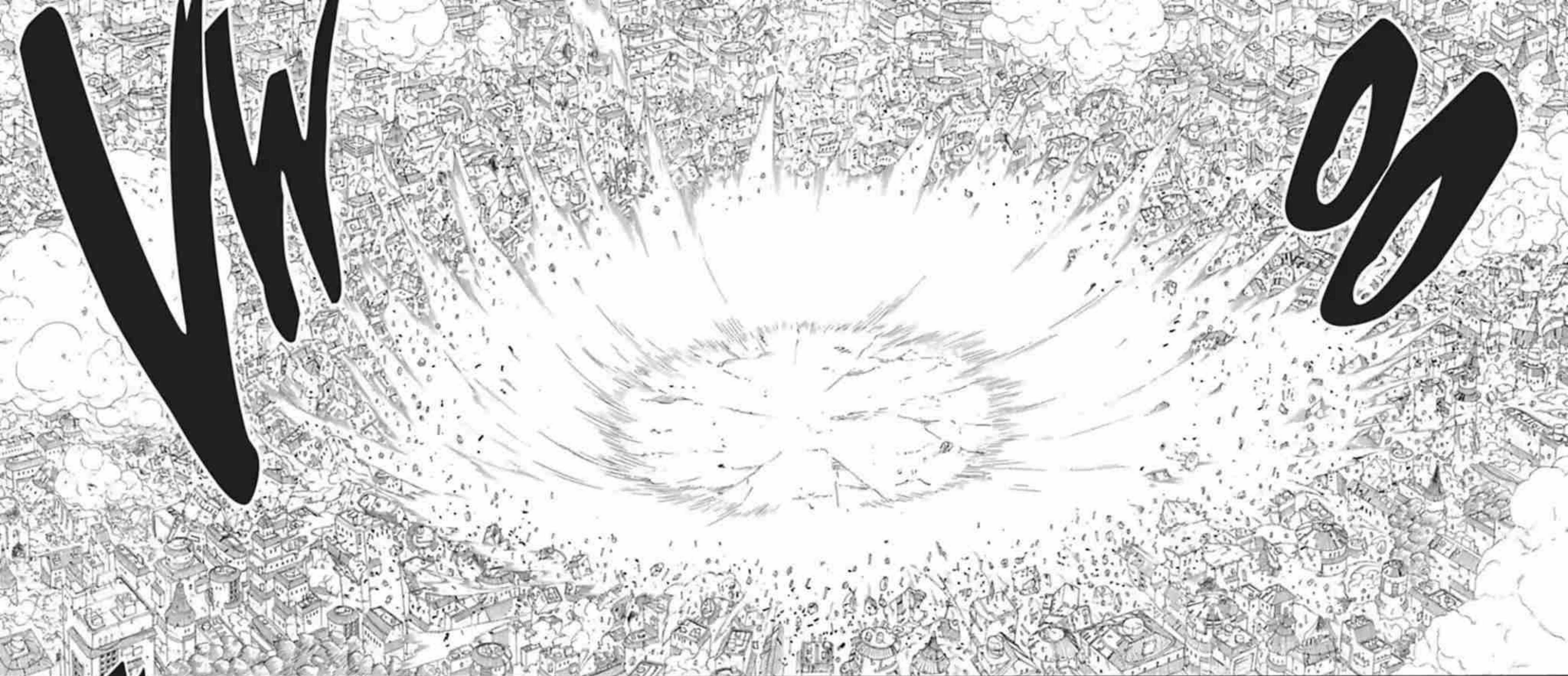


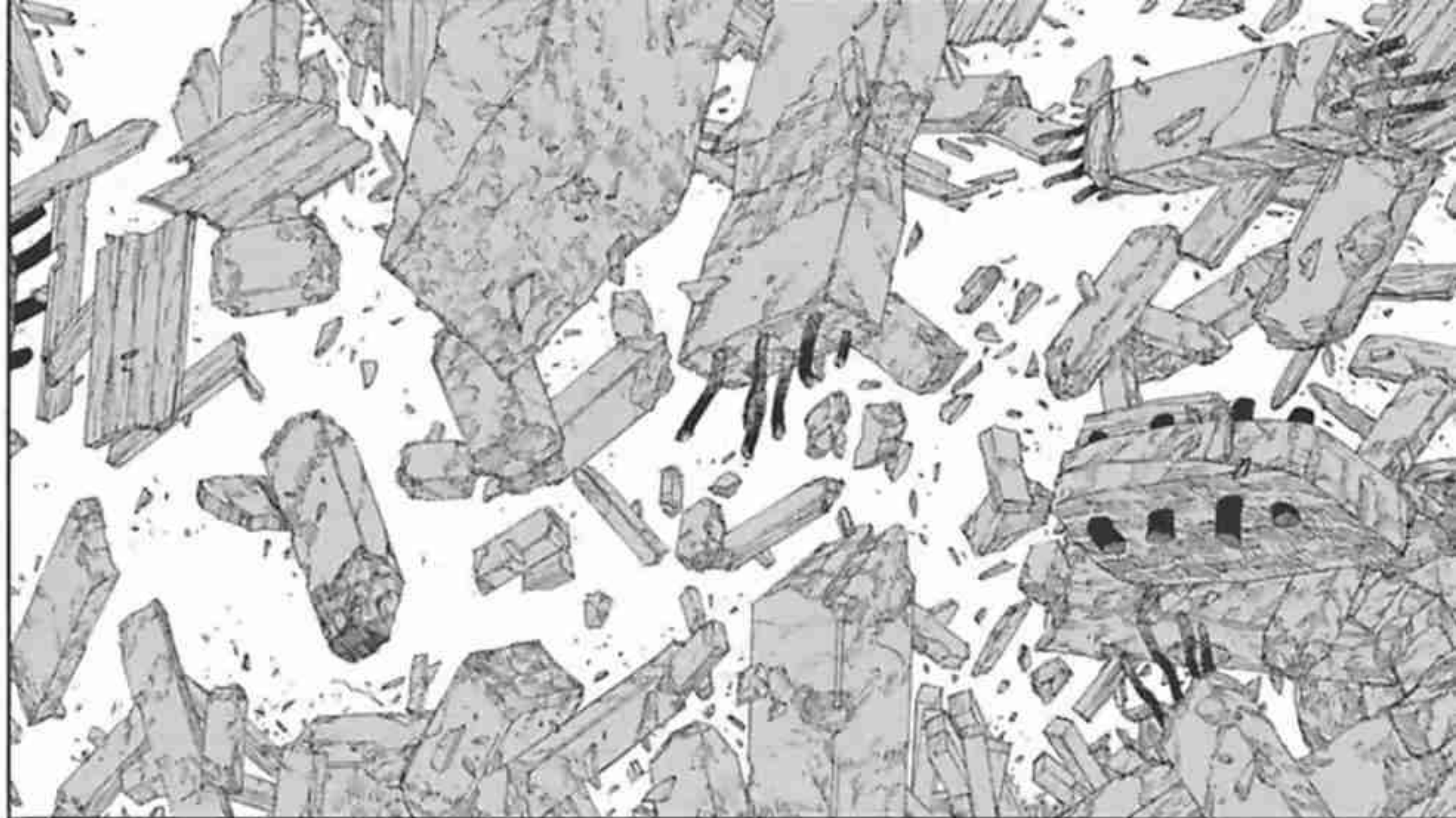






W
**ALMIGHTY
PUSH!**







WHY...
HOW...



WH-
WHAT...
NO...



**PLEASE,
NARUTO!!**

**NARUTO,
HURRY!!**



R-R-R-RUMBLE

BOOF...



NARUTO

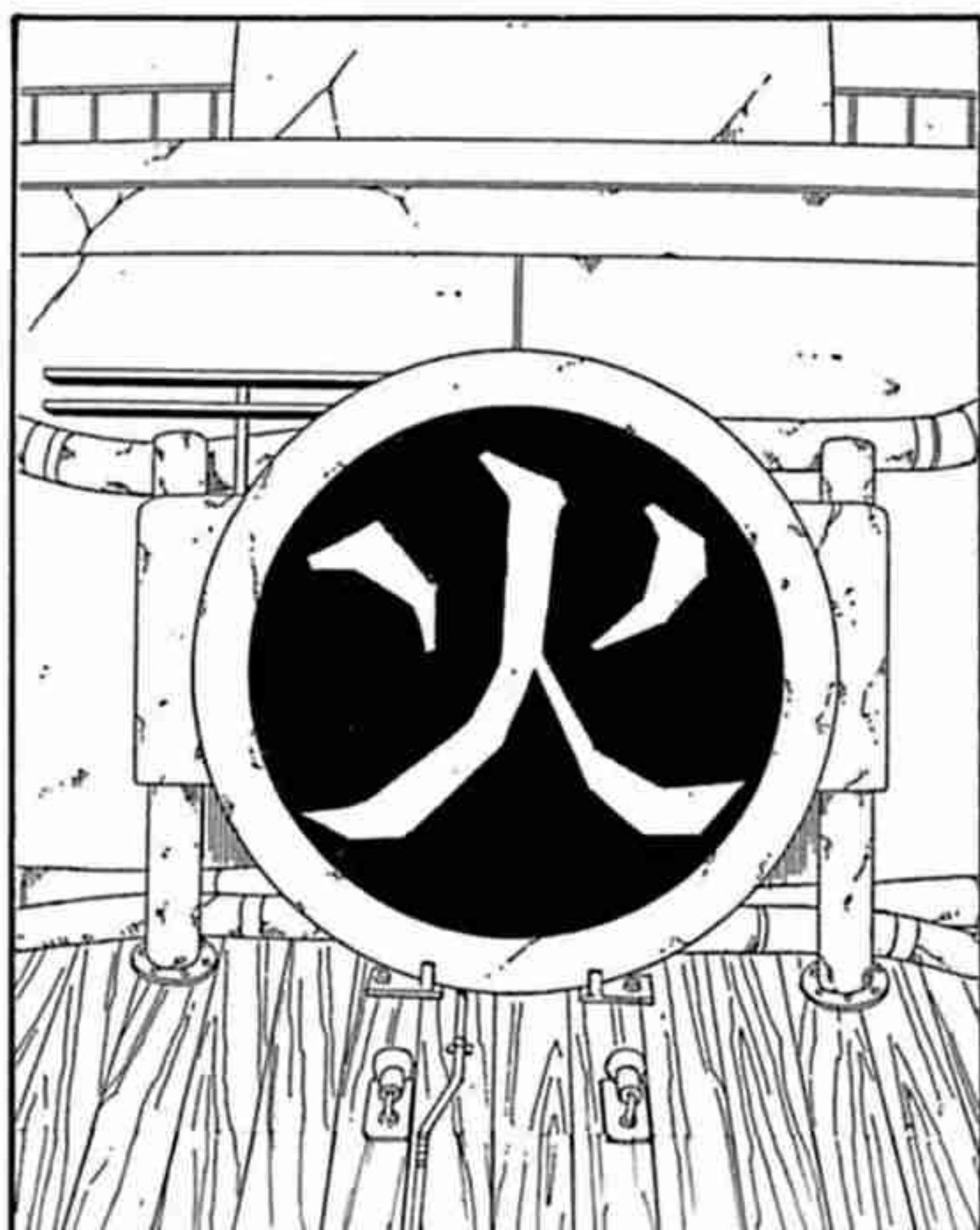


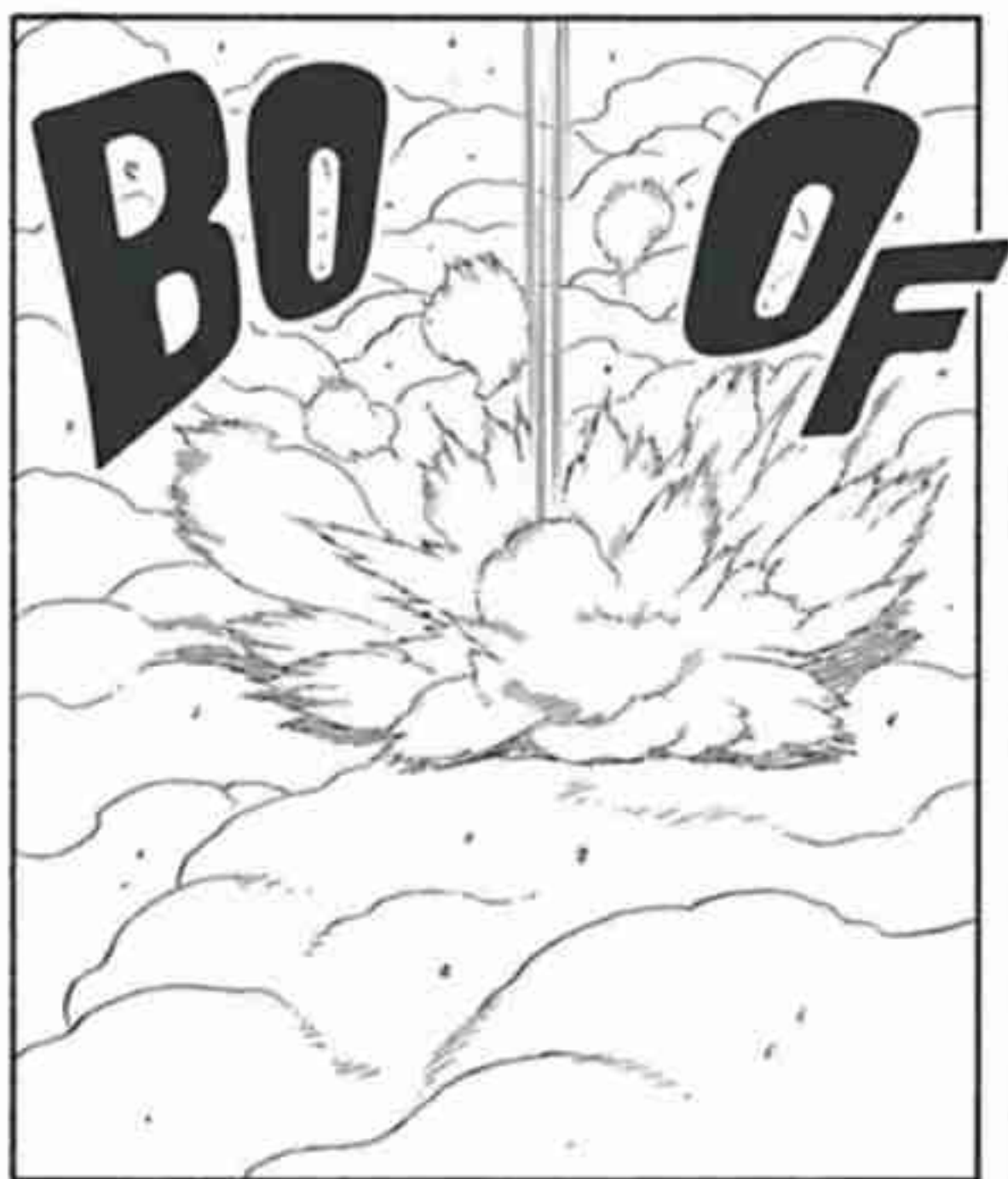
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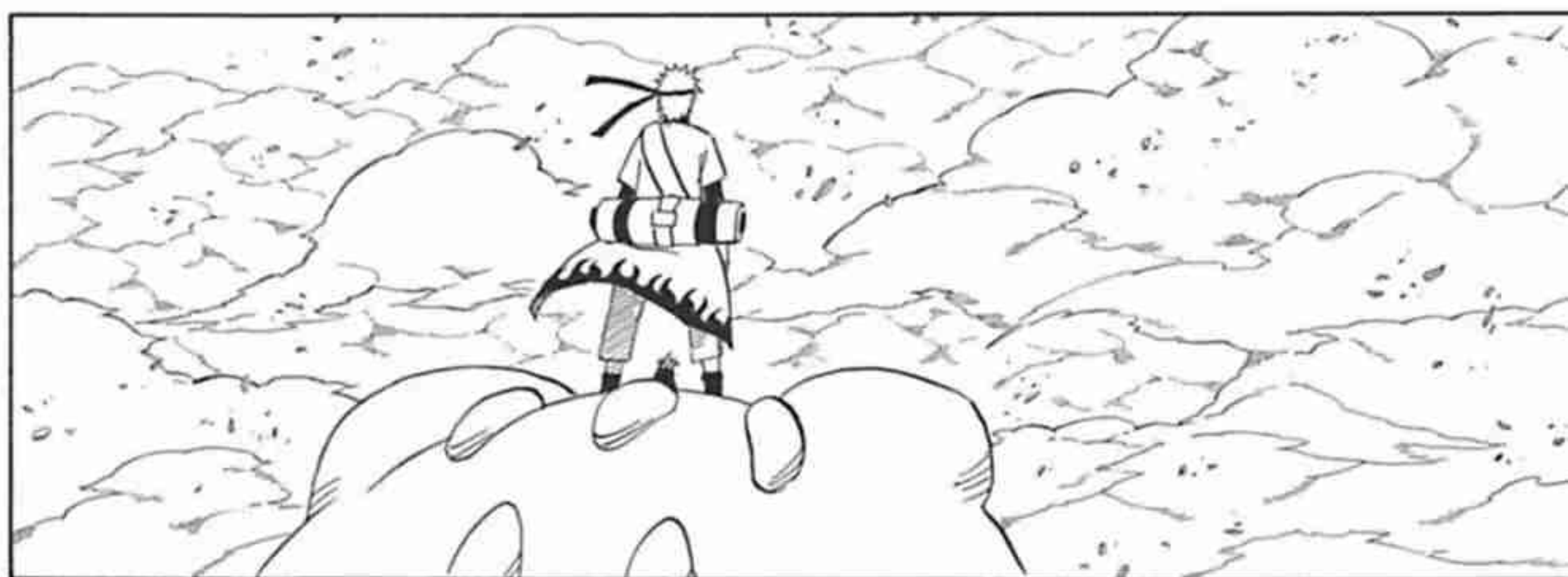


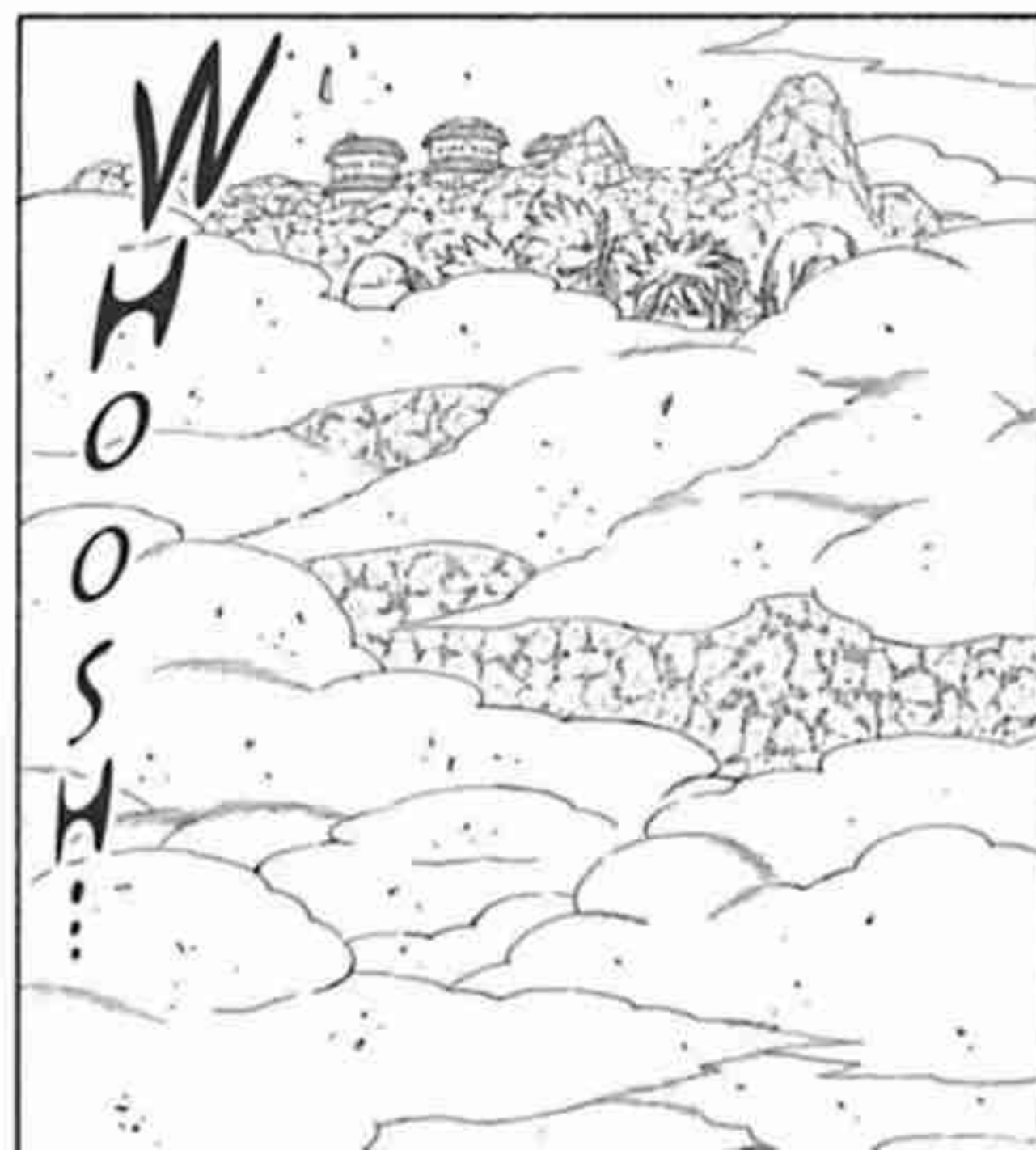


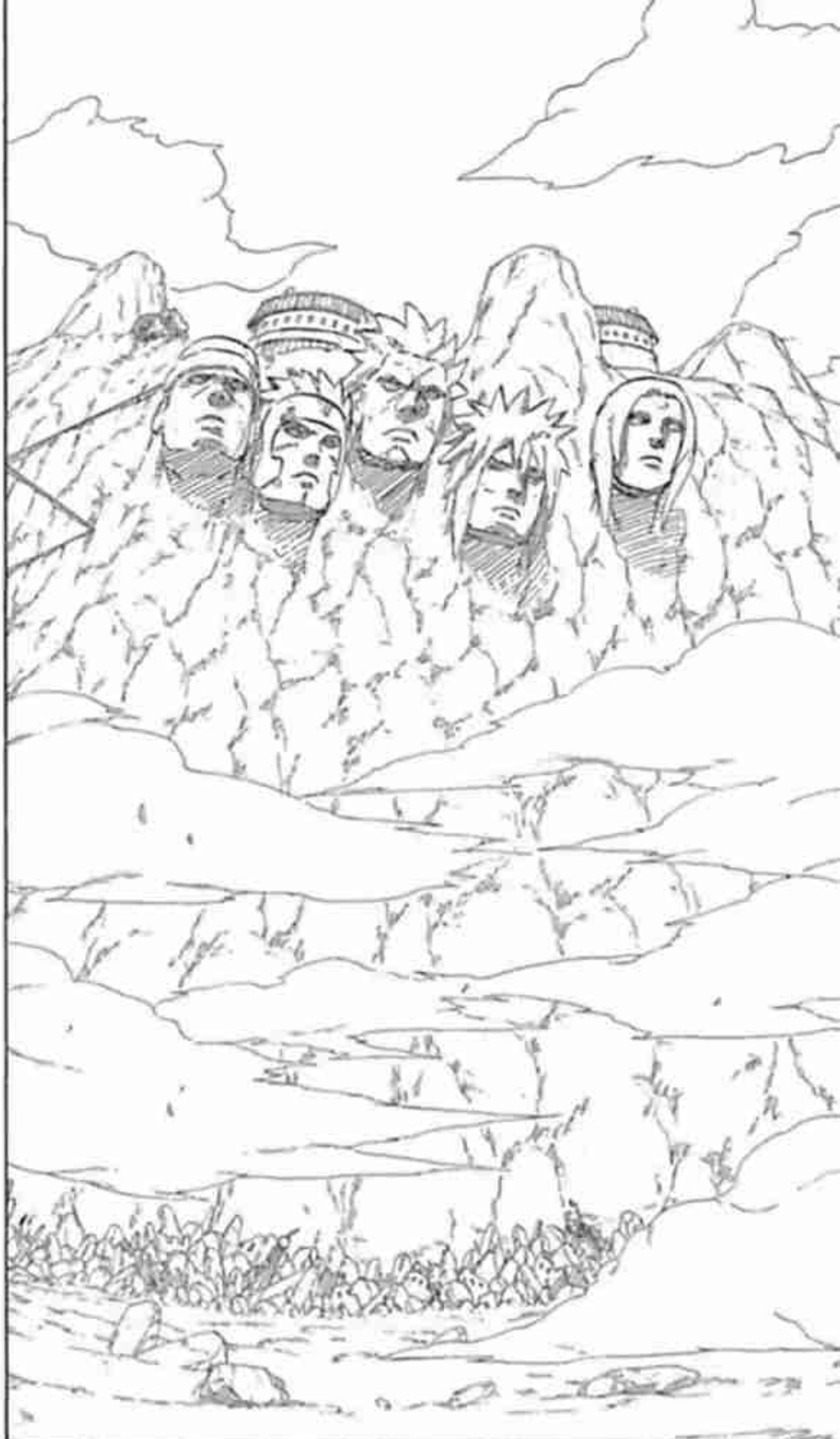
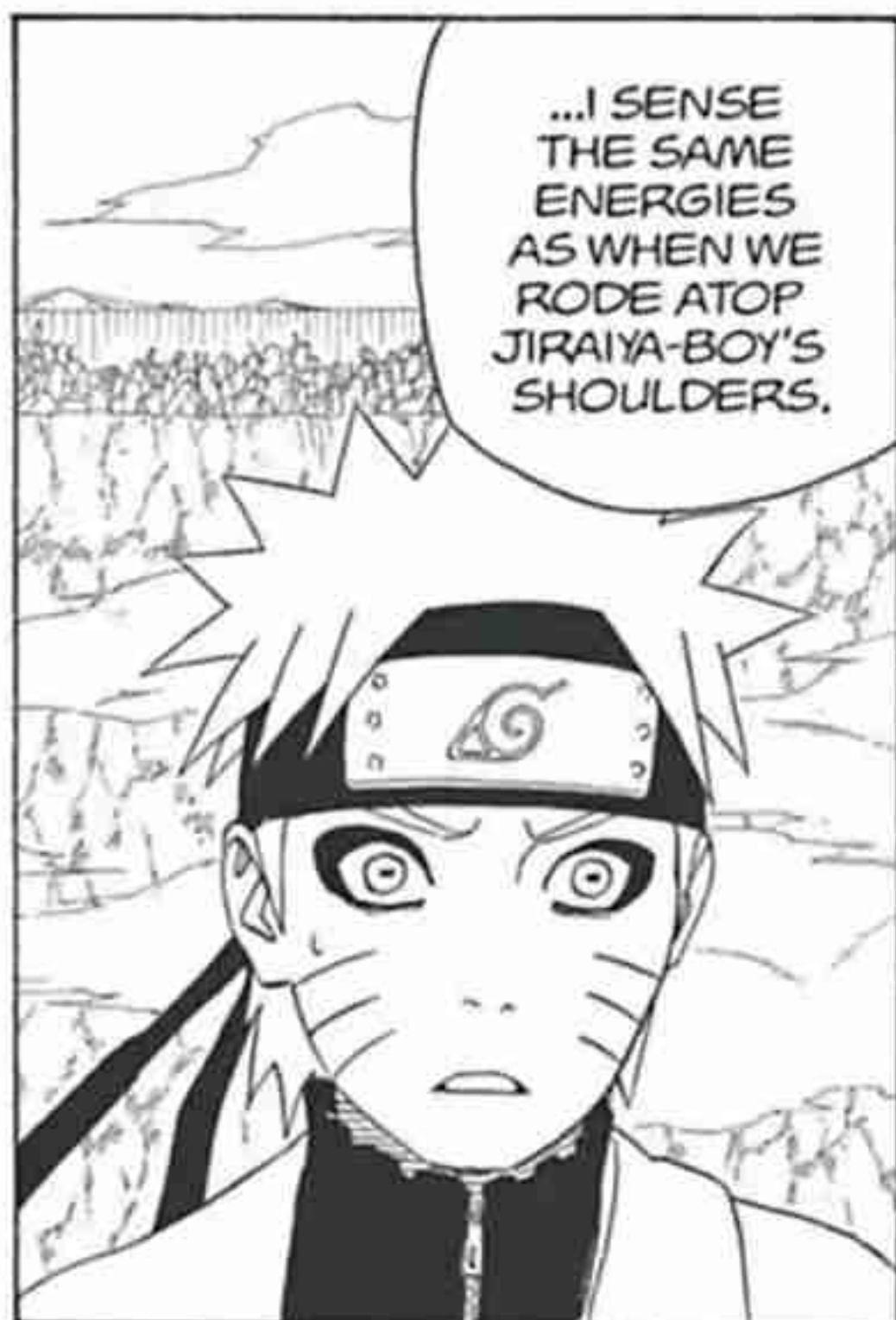
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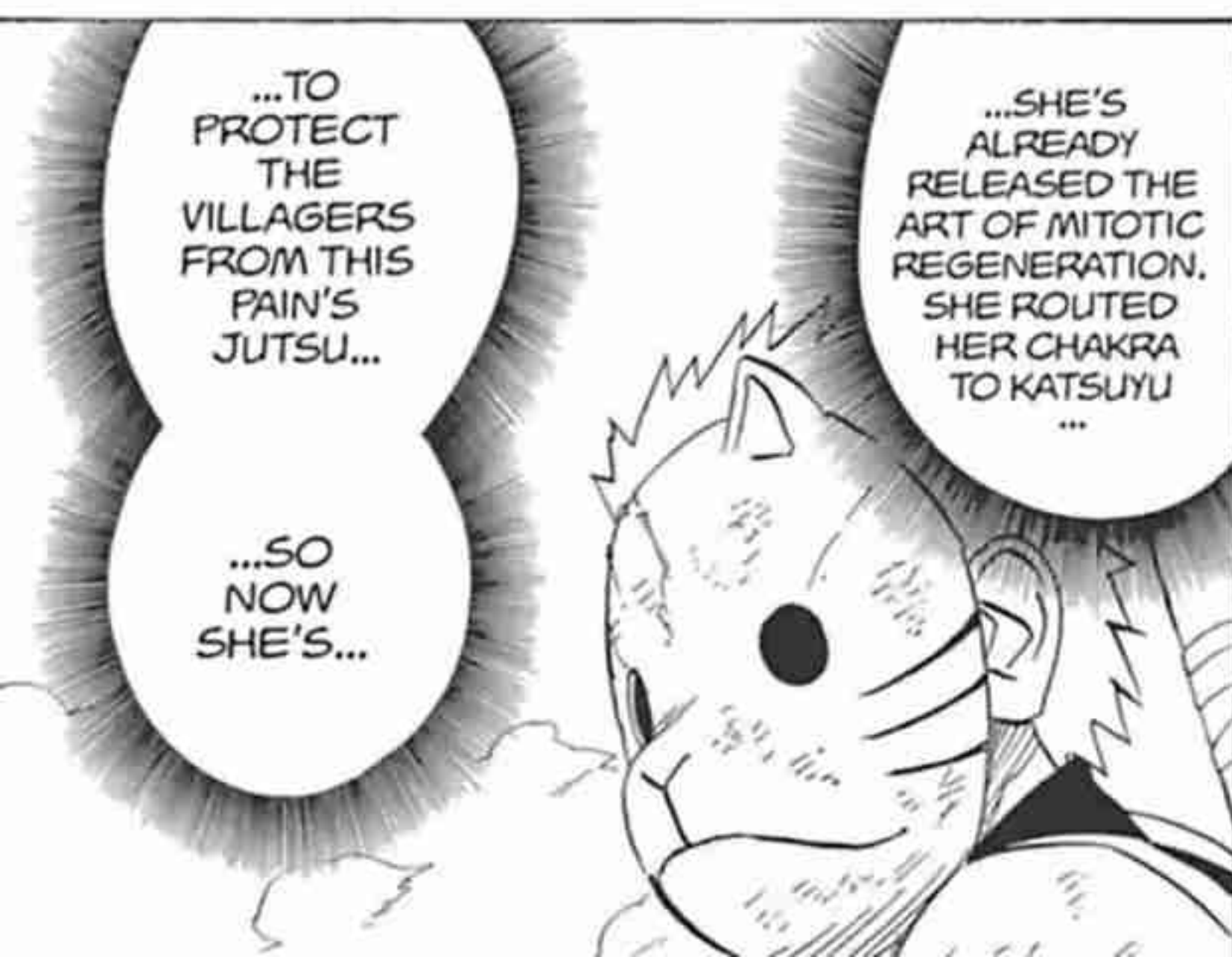
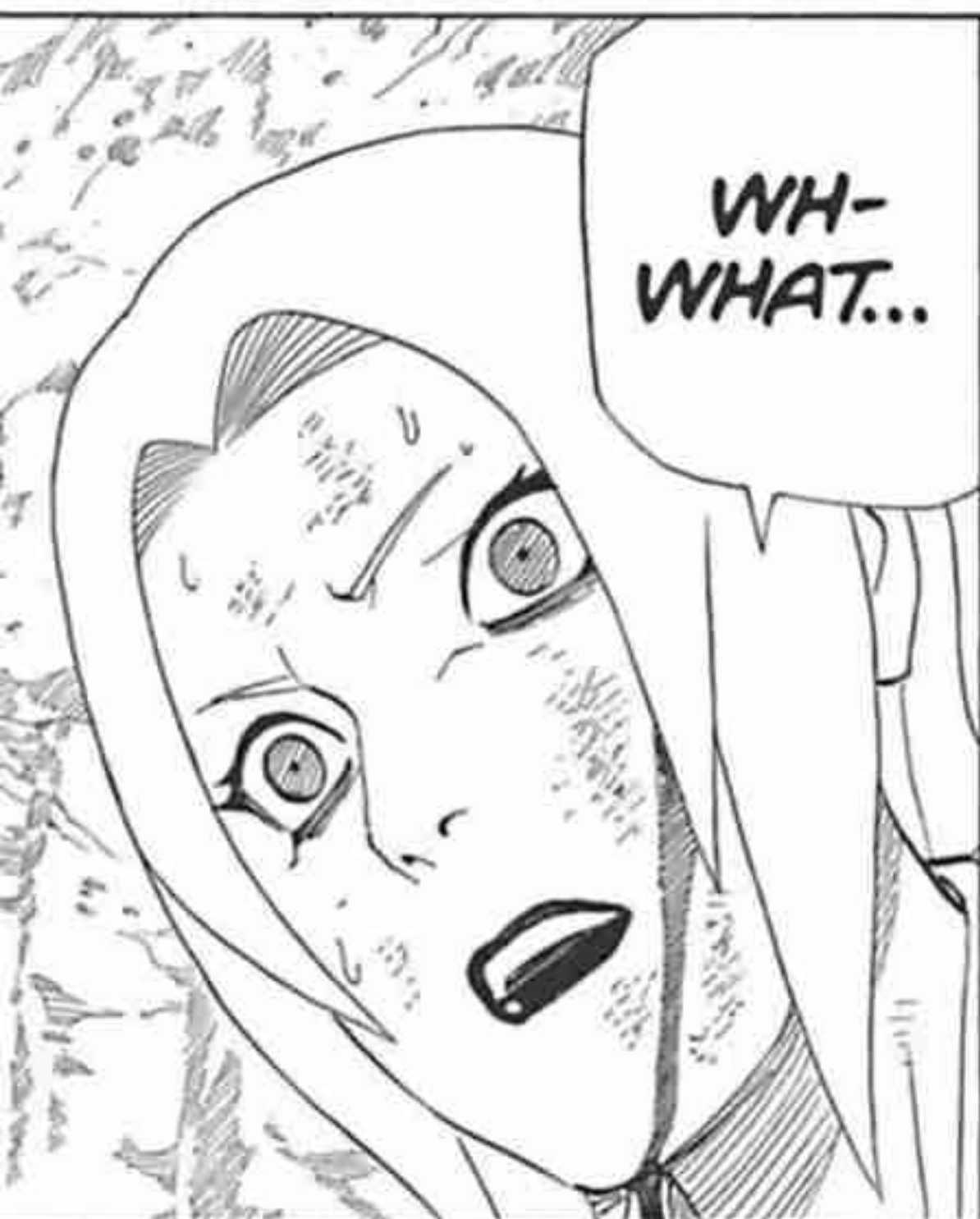


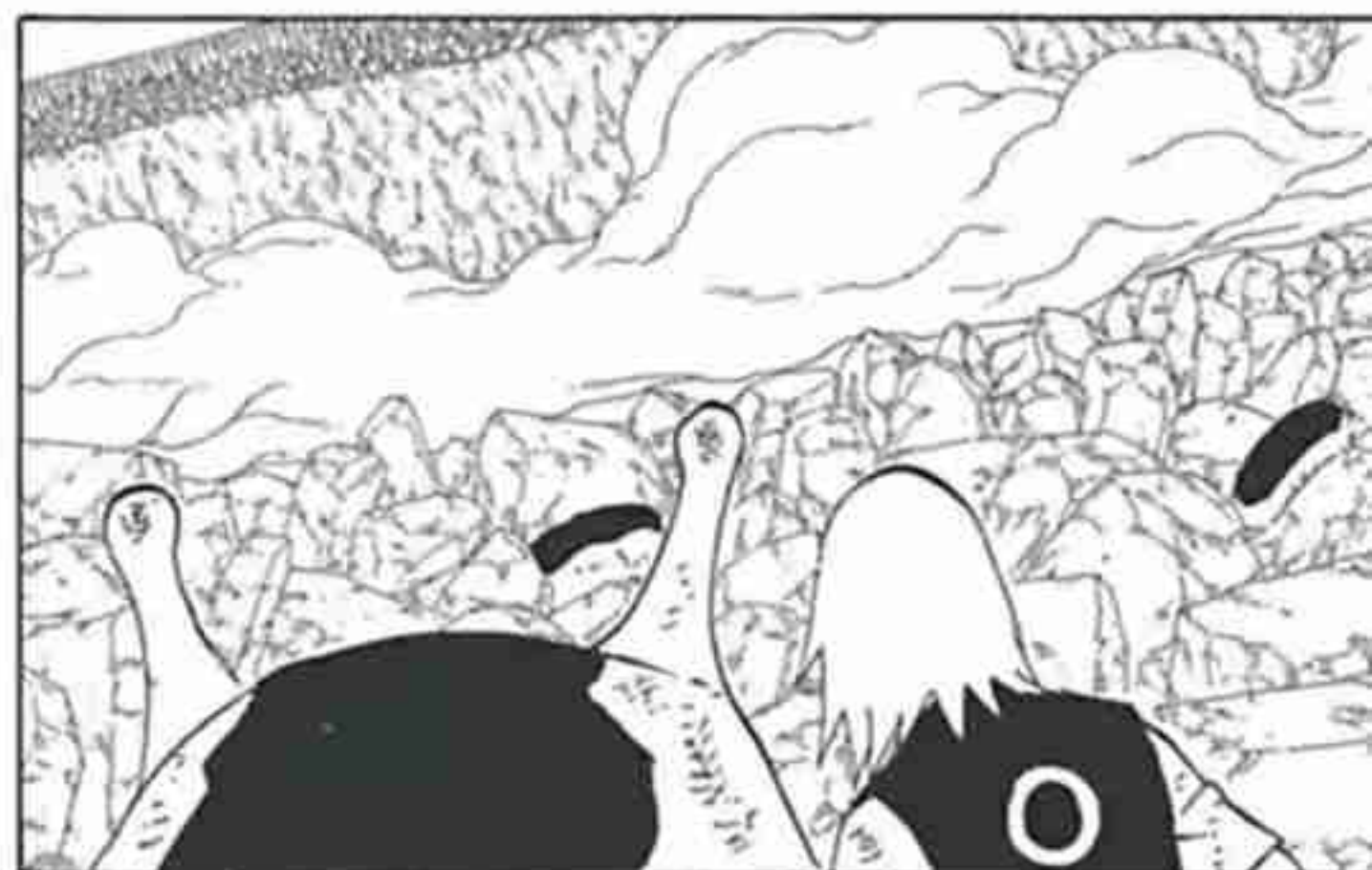




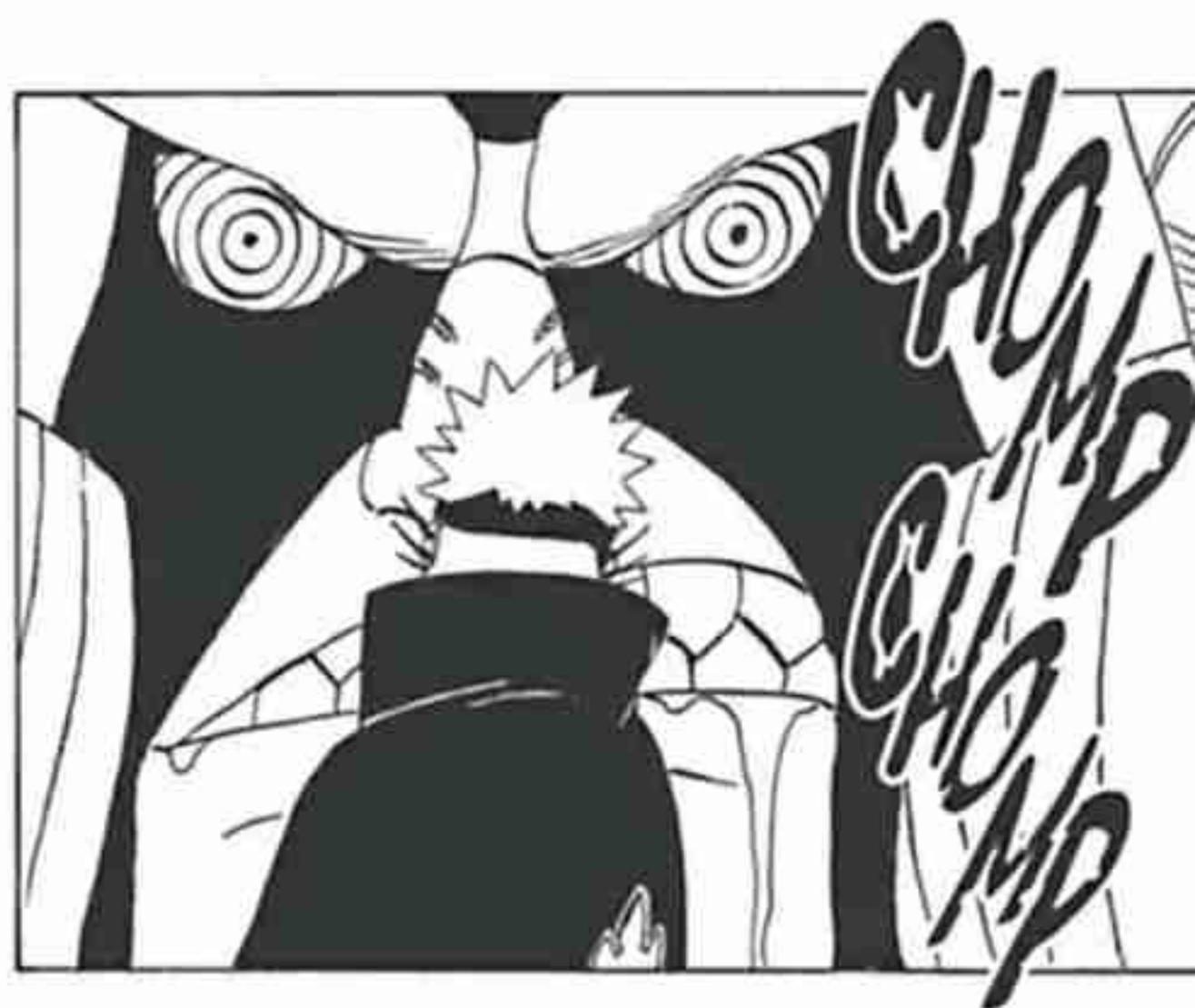
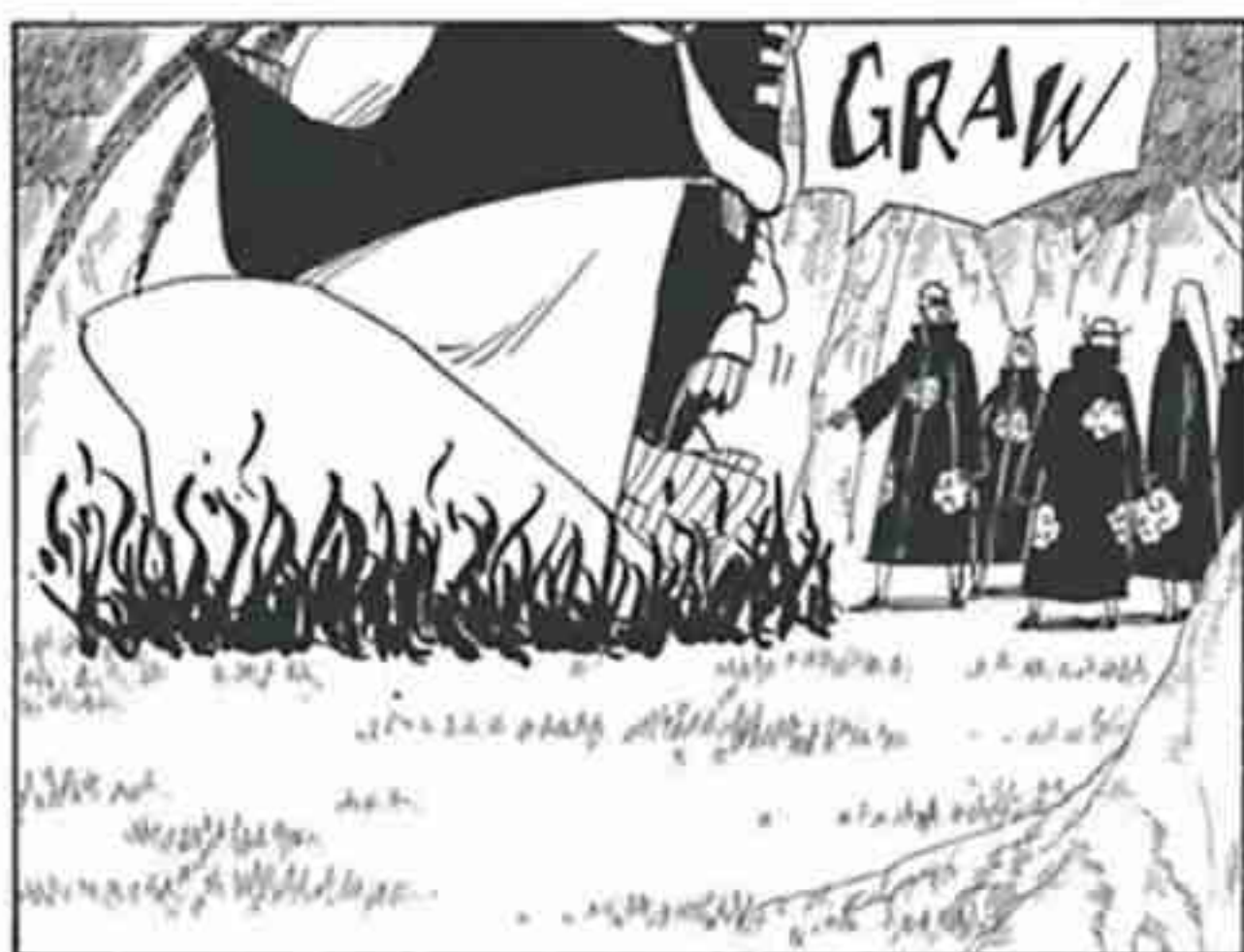




















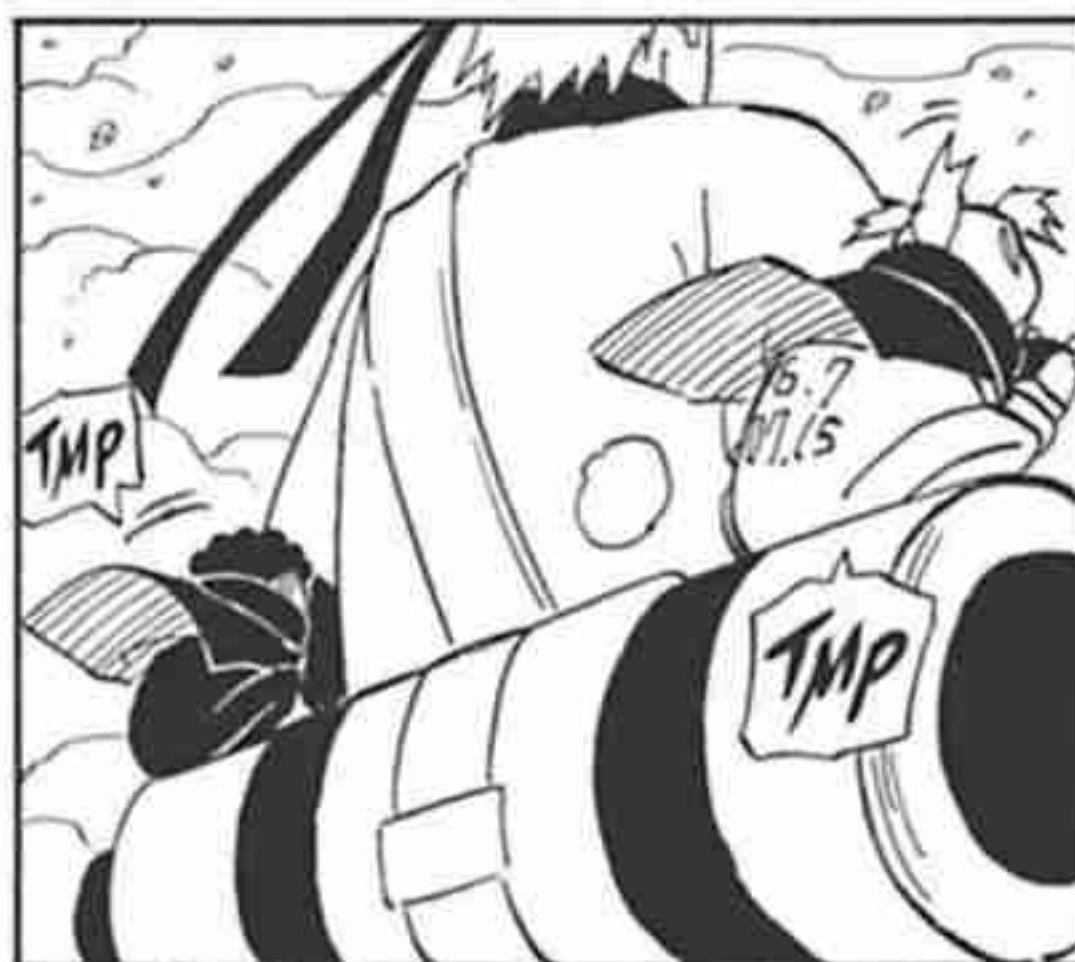
...ME!





NARUTO







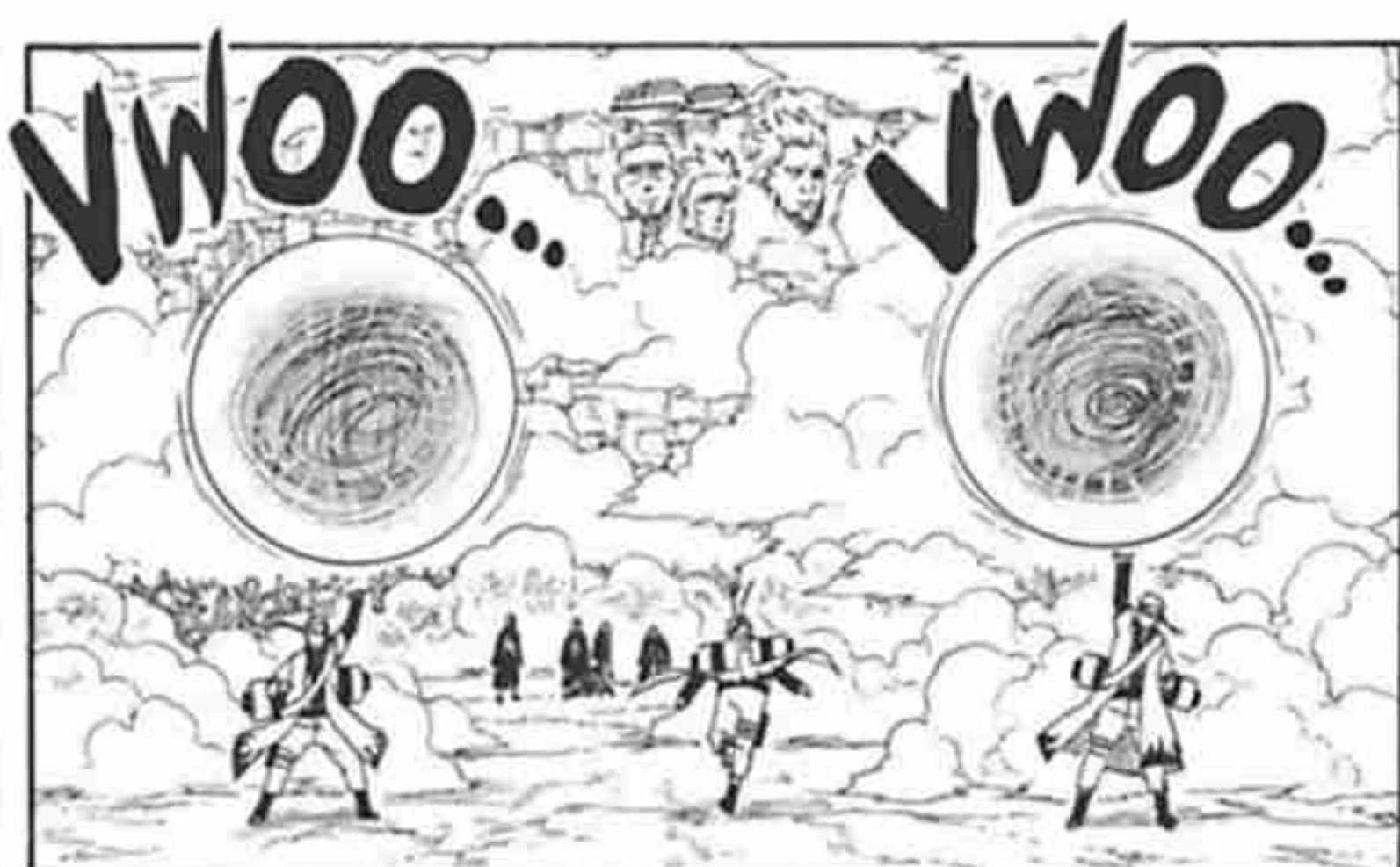
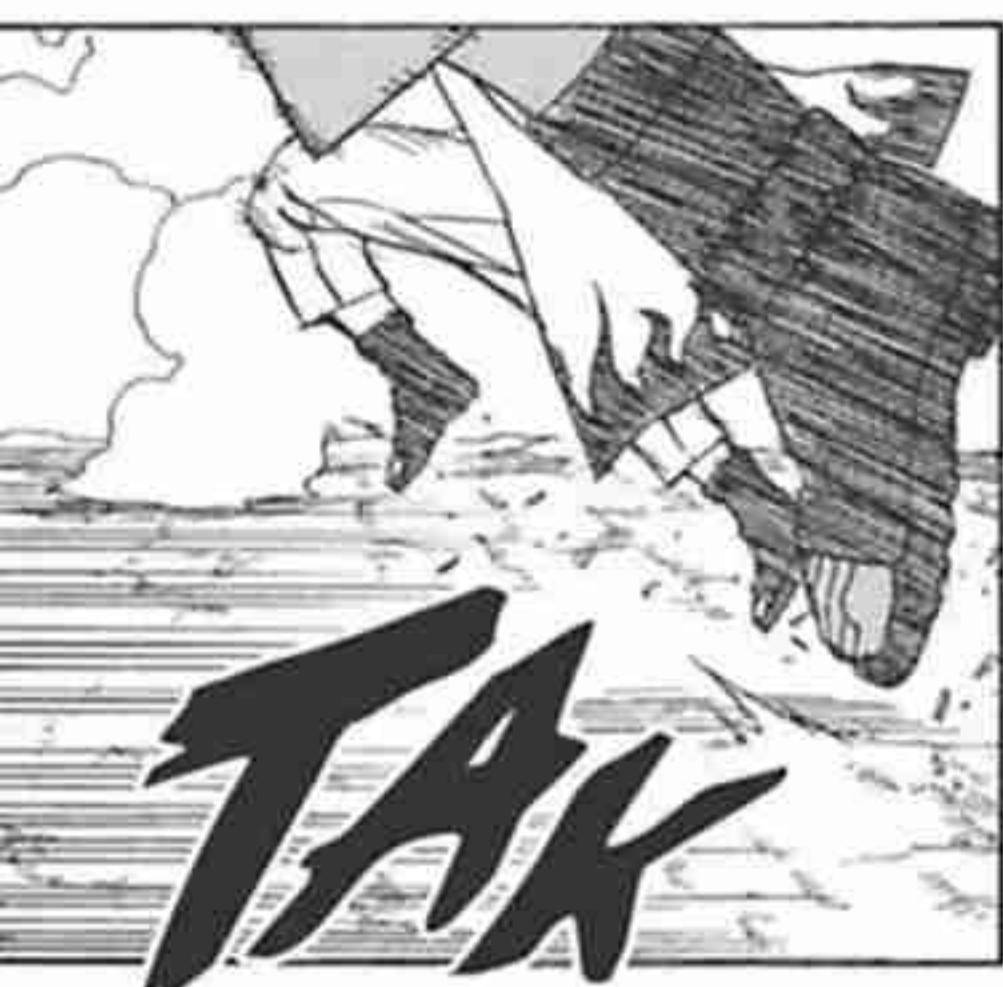
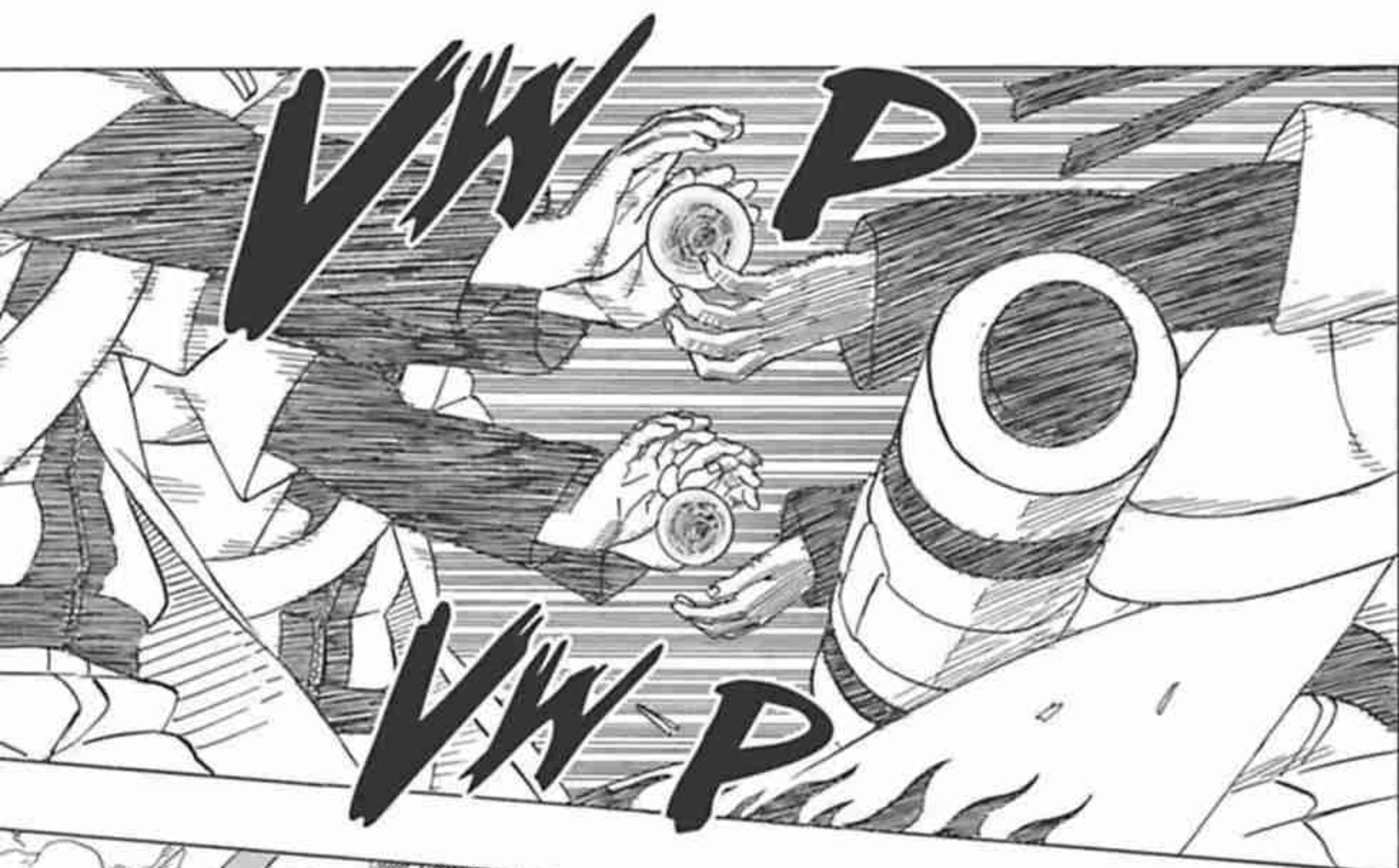


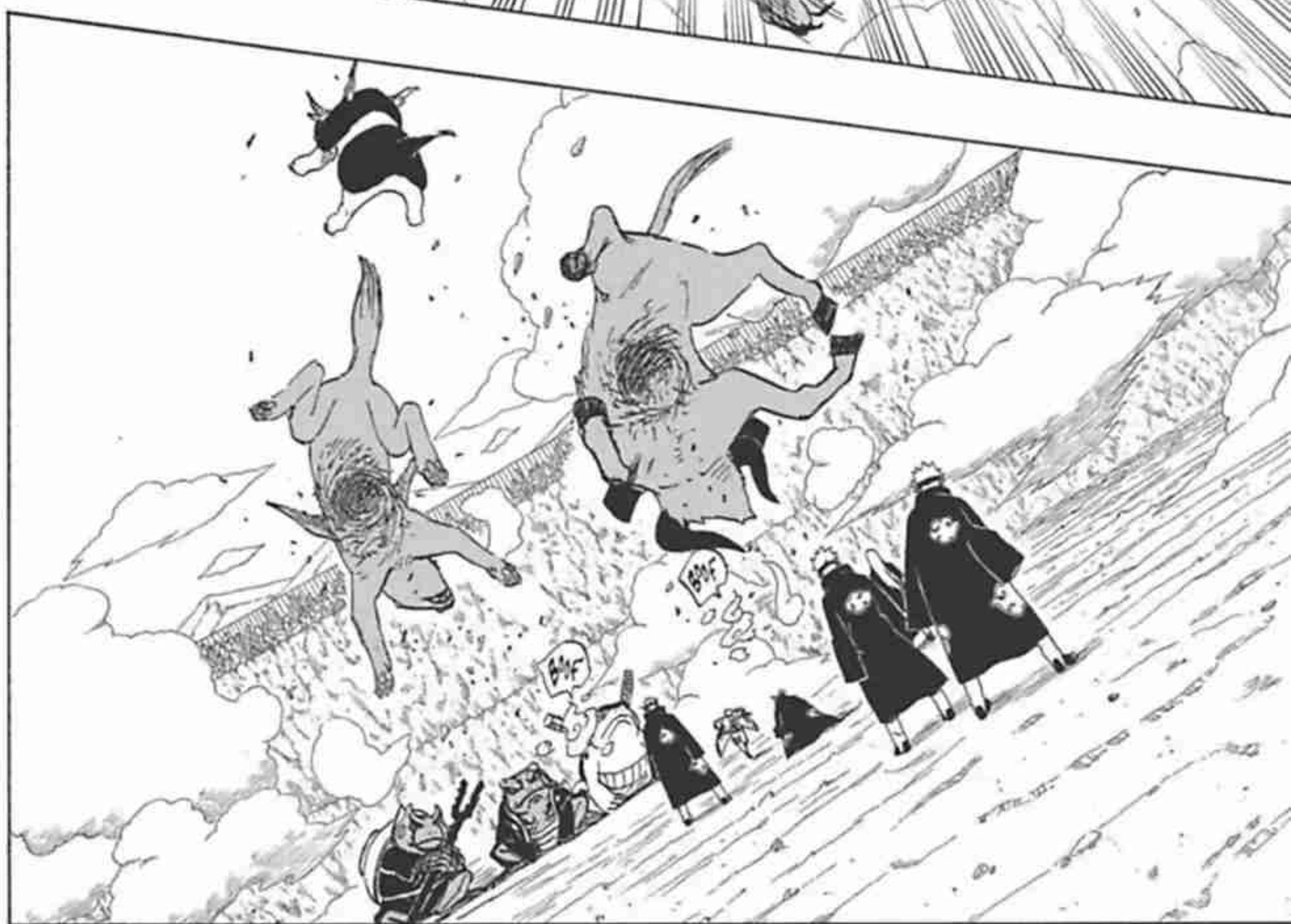






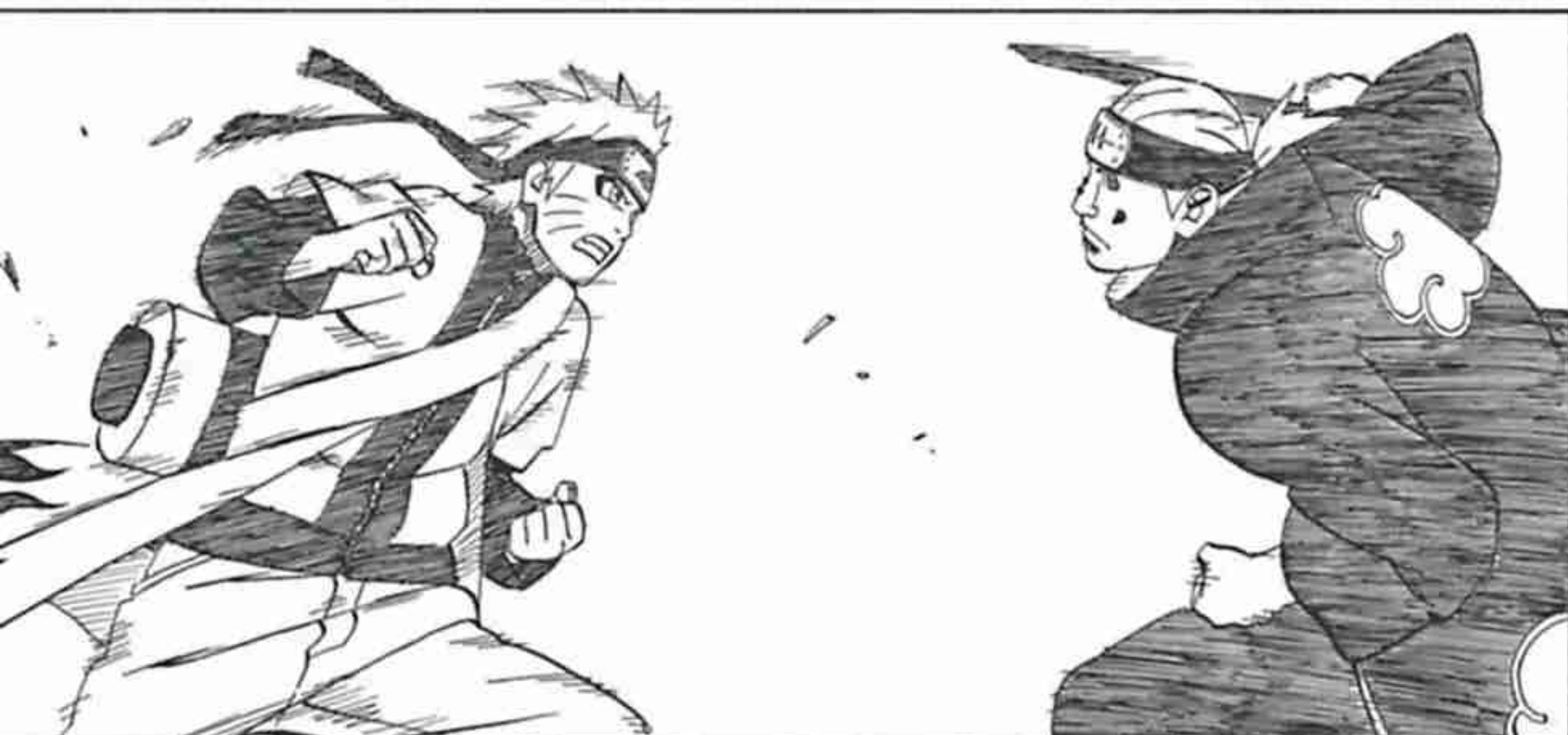




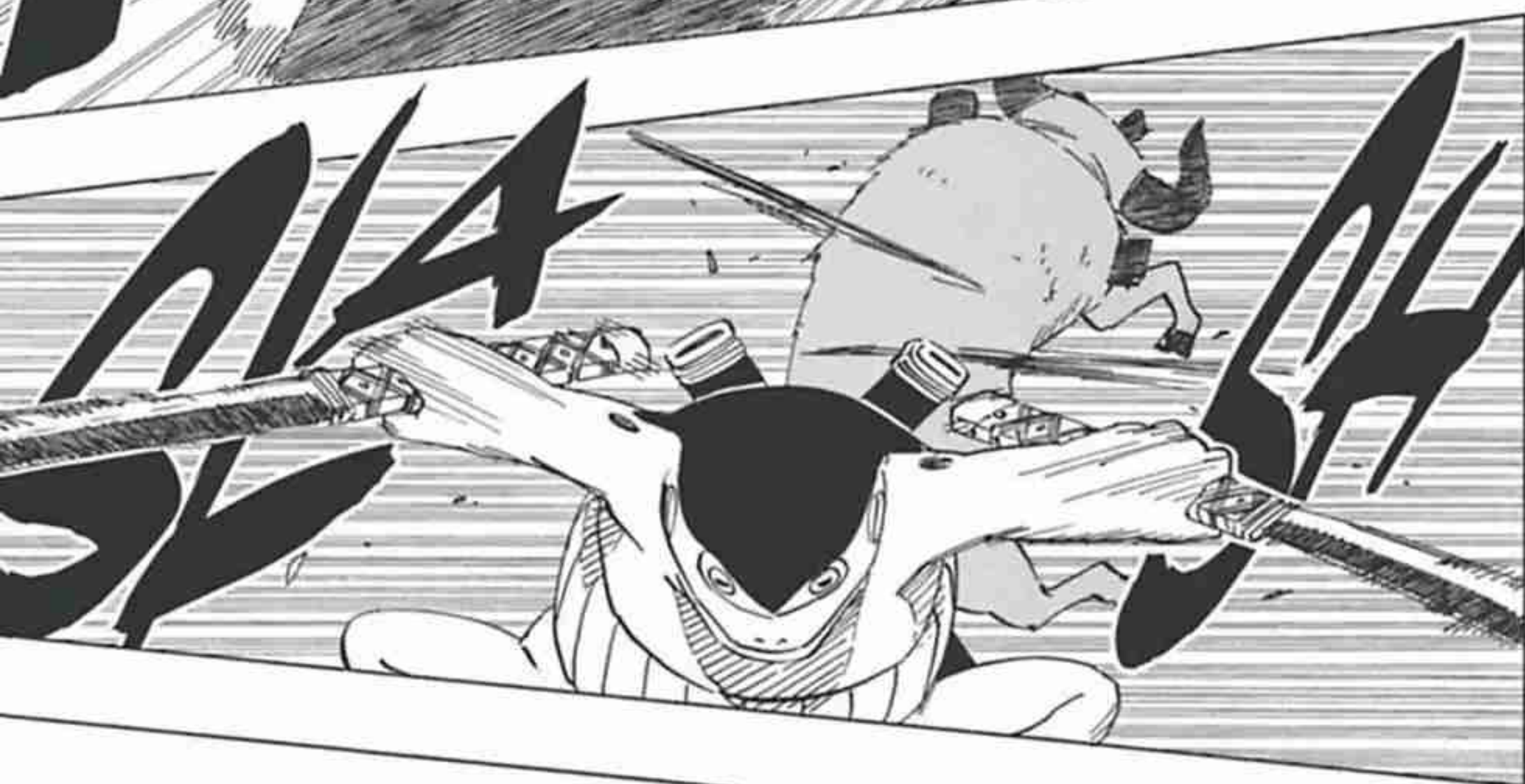


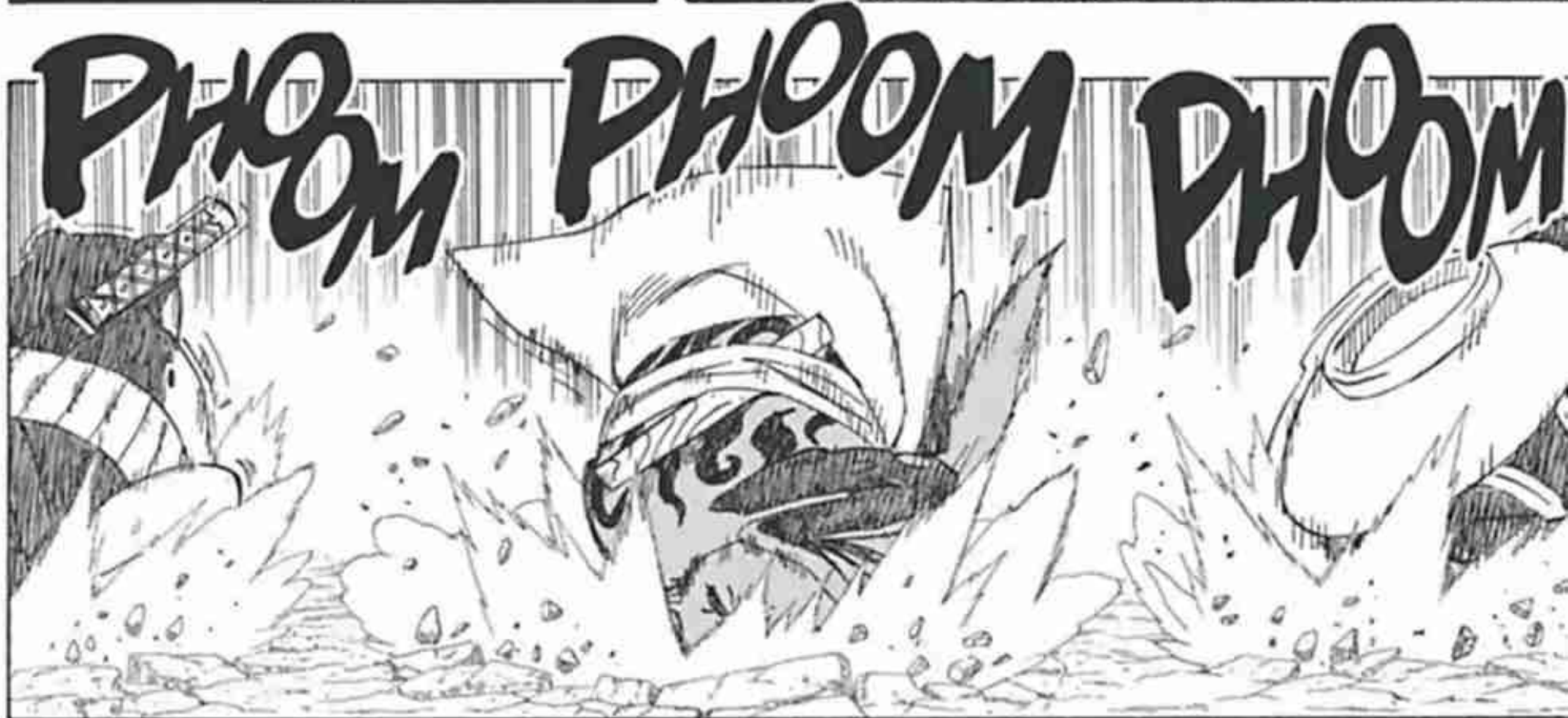












BEHAVE,
INSO-
LENT
PUP!



THAT
ENERGY
BECAME
PART OF
NARUTO
AND
ATTACKED
PAIN!



KAWAZU
KUMITE
UTILIZES
THE NATURE
ENERGY
ALL
AROUND
ONE.

I
THOUGHT
HE
DODGED
HIM...



GOES TO
SHOW HOW
IN SAGE MODE,
BOTH THREAT
PERCEPTION
AND ATTACK
CAPACITY ARE
ENHANCED
WELL BEYOND
THE ORDINARY!!



MY
NEW
JUTSU
WILL
FINISH
THIS IN
**ONE
TRY!!**



NARUTO





Number 432:

Return of The Rasen-Shuriken!!





...IS
PEACE-
FUL?!!!



YOUR
DEATH
SHALL
LEAD
TO
PEACE.

JUST
ALLOW
YOUR-
SELF
TO BE
CAP-
TURED.



YOU WHO
CANNOT SEE
THE FOREST FOR
THE TREES ARE
JUST NOT ABLE
TO COMPREHEND
THE TRUE
MEANING OF
PEACE.



I
SAID...

NAH...
FIRST
TIME I'M
SEEIN' IT
TOO.

HE NEVER
ONCE
POPPED THAT
OUT DURIN'
TRAININ'...
I WONDER
WHAT
NARUTO-BOY'S
PLOTTIN'...?

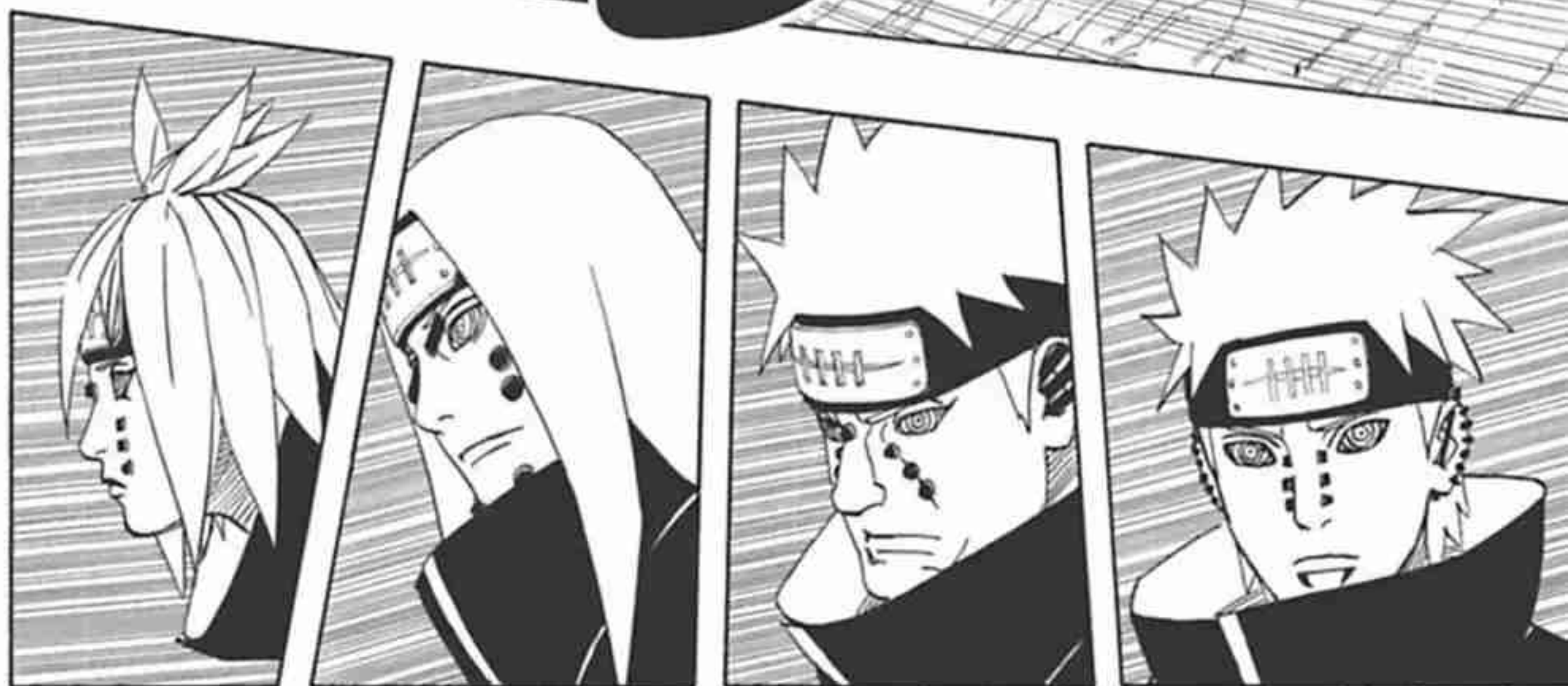
SO
MUCH
CHAKRA...

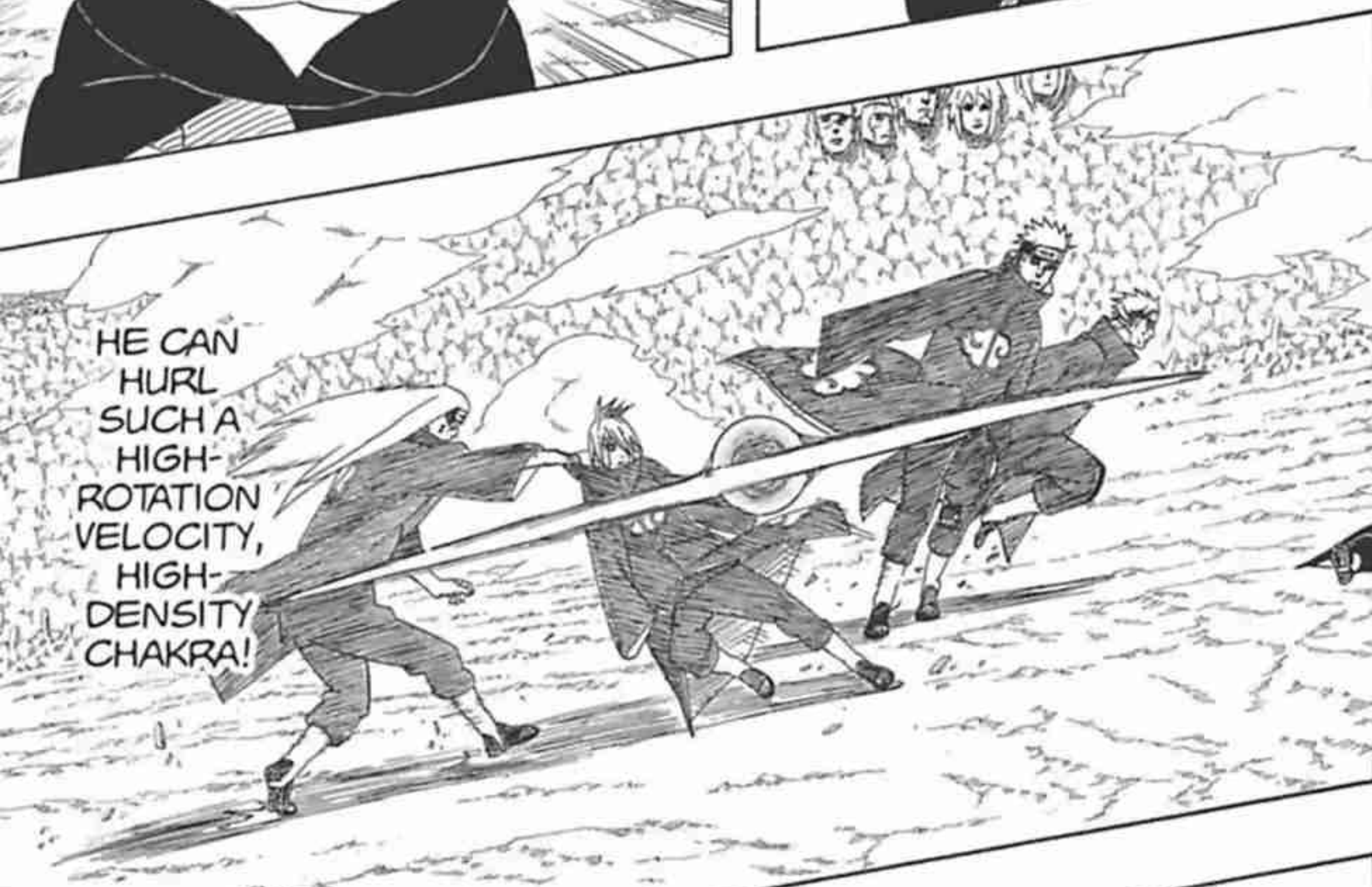
YA
TAUGHT
'I'M THAT,
PA?





...
**SHUT
UP!!!**









BO

ART
OF
SUM-
MONING
!!

OF

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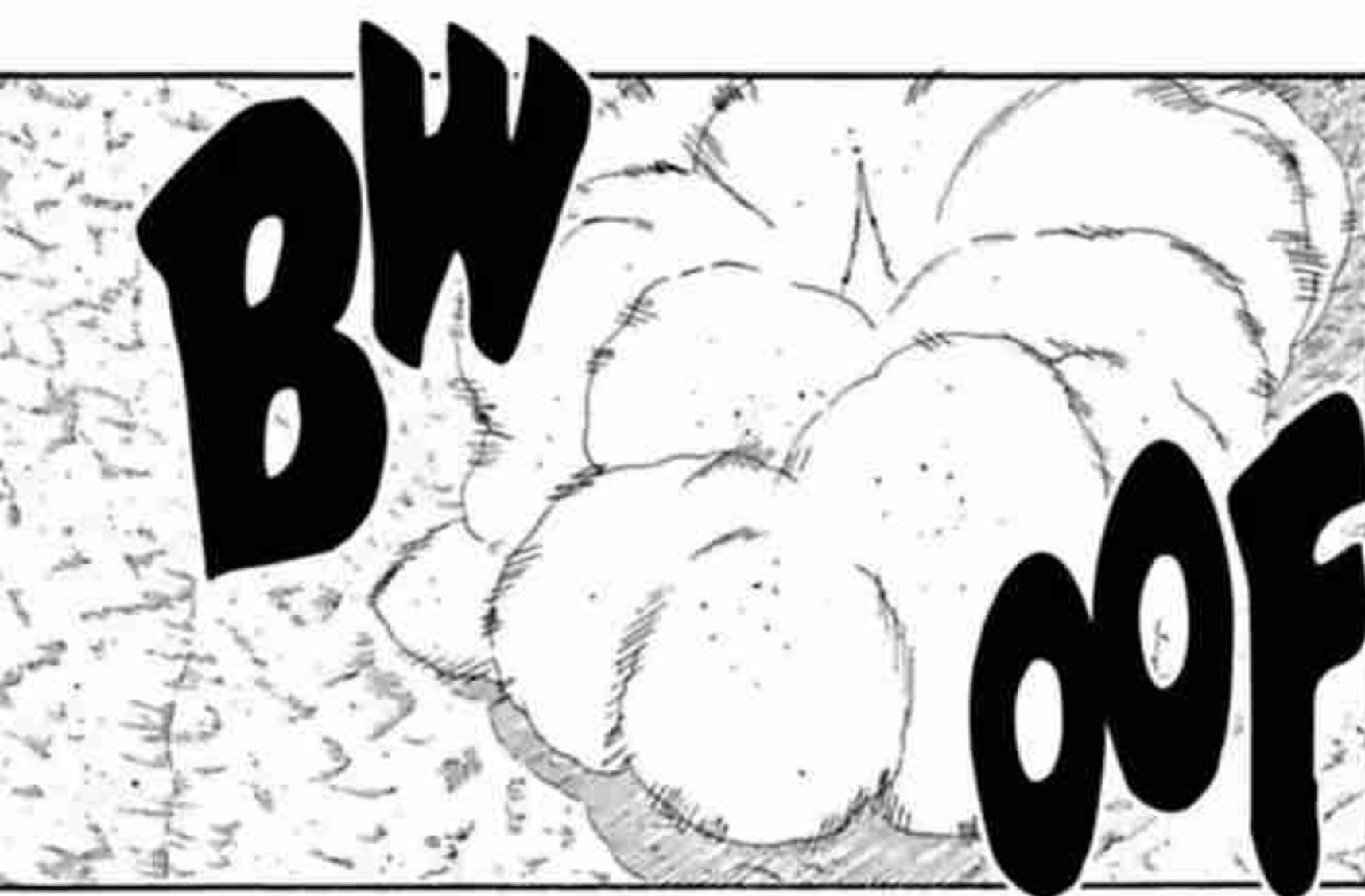


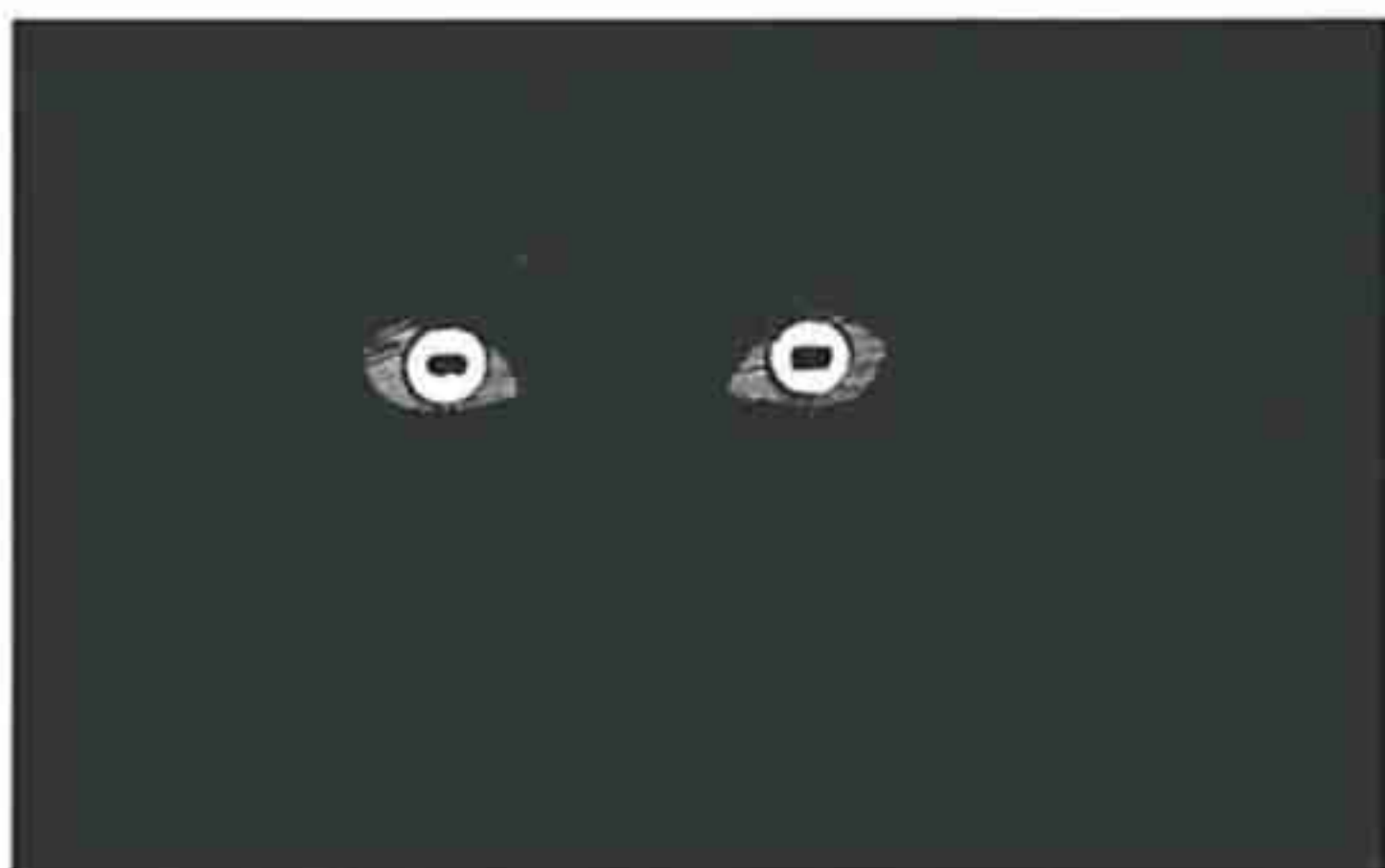
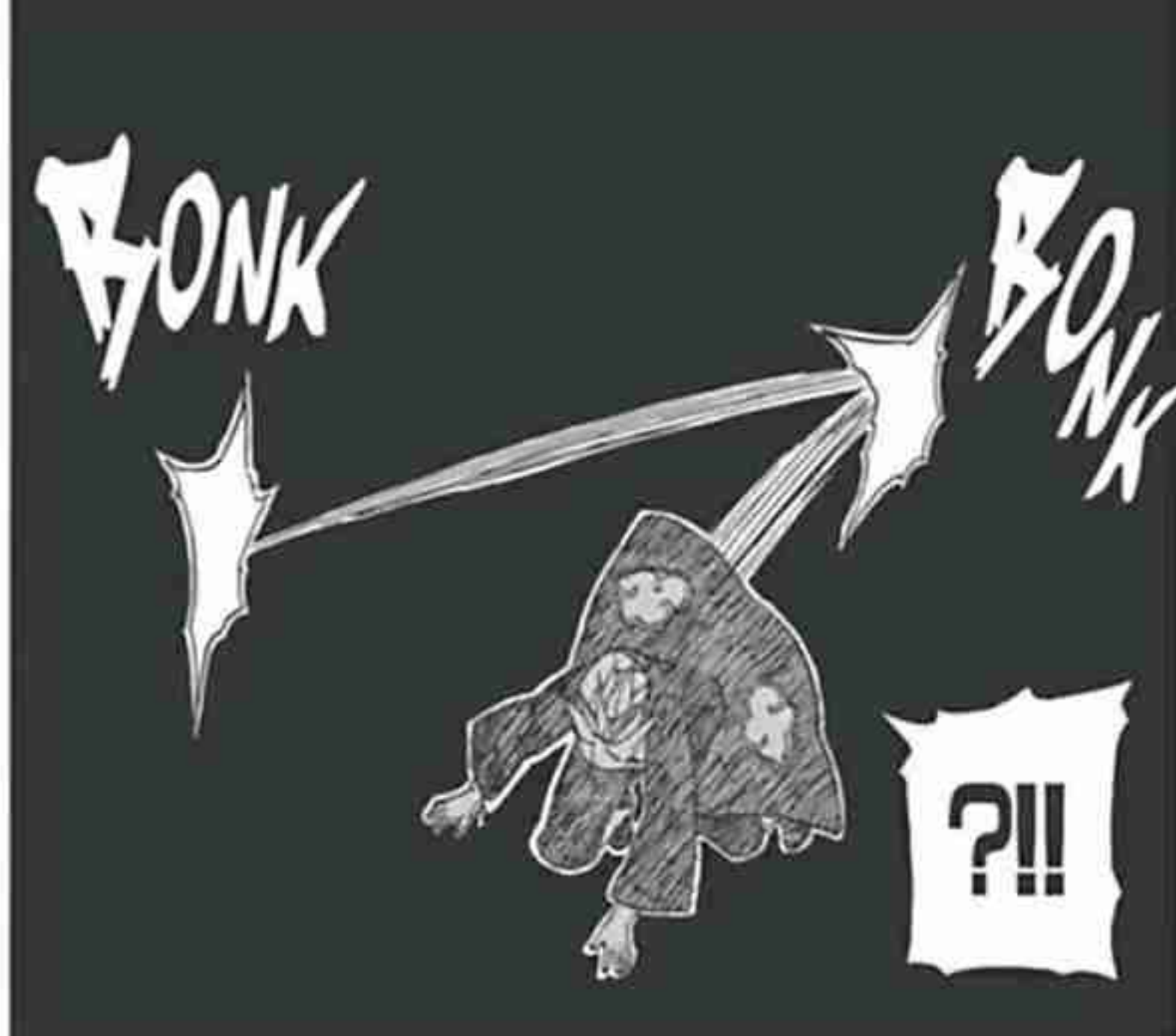


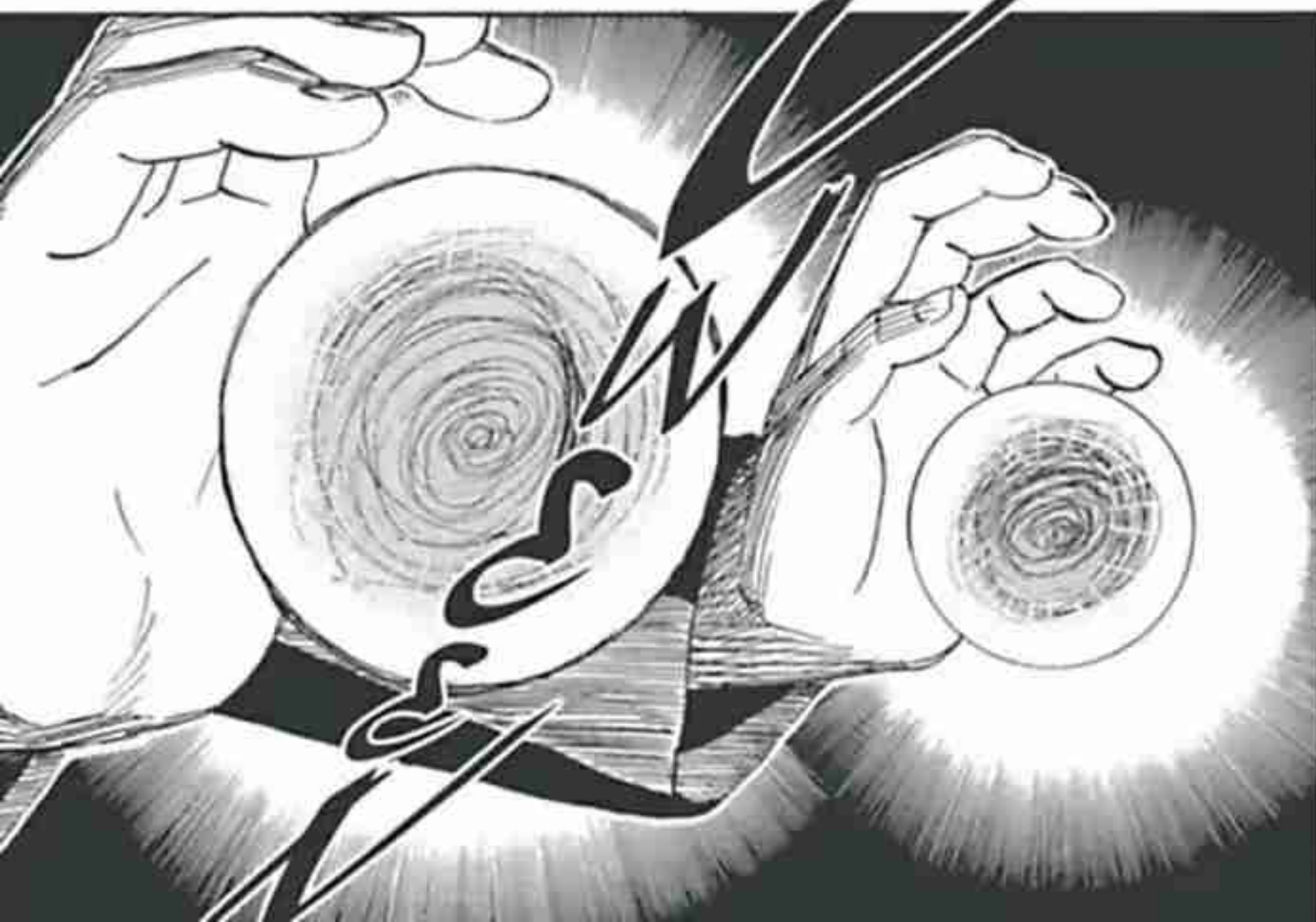












**RASEN-
RENGAN!
RASEN-
GAN
BARRAGE
!!**



**IN HIS
MOUTH
...!!**



